

# Town Crier

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## Backyard Birding

# Where, O where have the crows gone?

by Hugh Wiberg

I have been watching birds here in North Wilmington for 40 years, since moving from Cambridge in 1961. In this relatively short span of time, there have been several new additions to our mix of backyard birds, attributable to a gradual warming trend here in the northeast.



Prior to 1974, I had never seen a cardinal, a tufted titmouse, or a mockingbird in Wilmington or Tewksbury. Now these three species are quite common, whereas their northern boundaries a quarter century ago were New Jersey and southern Connecticut.

Continuing with this gradual warming trend, we are now seeing two additional "southern" birds drifting northward into central New England. Both the Carolina wrens and red bellied woodpeckers are being seen at backyard feeders as far north as Alton Bay and Augusta, Maine. I first saw a "Carolina" in my yard in 1997, and recorded a red bellied woodpecker in 1998.

In last month's column, I started our annual Wilmington/Tewksbury winter bird census with the 14 species seen in my North Wilmington back yard up to mid November. That number was increased to 16 with two "callins" - red bellied woodpeckers and Carolina wrens. Since the last column, four additional species have been seen. Sandra Day of Houghton Road in Wilmington has starlings (lucky you, Sandra) house sparrows, and a solitary brown creeper. (Pg. 213 in Peterson's Eastern Birds.)

In my yard I am seeing a pair of song sparrows - rare to see them in December - al of which brings out count to 20. (We finished with 25 species last winter.) Surprisingly missing this year are reports of mockingbirds and blue jays. Mass Audubon tells me that the population of blue jays has taken a sudden drop recently in New England and they have not figured out what this decline is attributable to.

Speaking of little mysteries, where, oh where, have the crows gone this winter? (Crows are not everyone's favorite backyard bird, so I'll try to keep this brief.) Several area folks who have had resident crows in

their yards for many years (your's truly included) have noticed that their crows are nowhere to be seen since early September. I spoke with Wayne Petersen at Mass. Audubon in Lincoln recently - Petersen is the chief field ornithologist and he could shed no light on our little mystery. He assured me that this has nothing to do with West Nile Virus. Wayne says there is a lot we don't know about crows, who are among the most intelligent of all wild creatures. He has heard of no other situations in Massachusetts similar to this. I must admit that I miss "my" seven crows here in North Wilmington, who have entertained me for many years up until about three months ago. If any readers have noticed that their resident crows have returned, I'd appreciate a call.

If you do not have a suet feeder in your yard, I would encourage you to go down to Wilmington Pet Shop at 634 Main Street to buy one. We now have three kinds of woodpeckers in the area, and you owe it to yourself to get a good close look at our newcomer, the red bellied. This is truly a spectacular bird, equal in size to the hairy woodpecker, but with a

bright red-orange cape and head. For seven or eight dollars (average cost of a suet feeder) you will add a new dimension to your bird observations. Demoulas markets carry good fresh beef suet at a reasonable price. Chickadees, titmice, nuthatches and mockingbirds will take suet also.

I'm sending out the call on blue jays and mockingbirds. Both of these birds, usually very common, are almost non-existent in our towns since August and neither of these species are migrators. I'd like to hear from you at 978/658-5852 if you have bluejays or mockingbirds at your feeders.

Mrs. E.M. in Tewksbury called last week to ask if there is any way to tell the difference between male and female chickadees. Unfortunately (unless you are banding birds and can get a really close look) the answer is no - visually they are identical. With nuthatches, both white and red breasted, the males have a jet black cap, while the crown on the top of the females head is a lighter grayish black. As with chickadees, you also cannot tell male from female tufted titmice. (In case you were wondering.) L.R. of Wilmington called to



**WILD TURKEYS.** Nine of the large birds frequent the Krey and Webster neighborhood on Andover Street in North Wilmington.

find out how he can obtain an autographed copy of my book, "Hand Feeding Backyard Birds," to give to a lady friend as a Christmas gift. I referred him to Wilmington Center News at 422 Main St., just two doors up from Joe Ryan's barber shop. Autographed copies are available there at a 10 percent discount (\$17.95 with discount. Borden's or Barnes and Noble will charge \$19.95). Incidentally, Wilmington Center News will

be back from vacation Monday, December 17.

Can you add to our species inventory? Are you having trouble with an identification? I invite your call at 978-658-5852. If you get the infernal answering machine, leave your name and number and I'll get back to you soon.

Meanwhile - Happy holidays to one and all!

## Five days after Pearl Harbor, the Neilsons wed

FROM PAGE 1

elves lucky if they had a job at all. And he had a great job. He sent most of his pay home to support his parents.

In 1940, everyone knew the war was coming, especially those in the Merchant Marine. They could tell just from the cargoes they were handling. War had already broken out in Europe, and still the U.S. was at peace. But when the Nazis were bombing London in August and September of 1940, my father was in the Persian Gulf. That post card he sent my grandmother was from Basra, a seaport in southern Iraq.

When war broke out, Larz took the train home, and he and

Elizabeth were married on December 12, five days after Pearl Harbor. My mother described the situation as being the craziest of times. The men were going off to war, and God only knew if they would return. People were getting married left and right. Certainly other marriages have been performed on shorter notice, but theirs came together in just five days. The Japanese attacked on Sunday, and they were married on Friday. I can only imagine what happened that week. So in her parents' living room at 67 High Street, Elizabeth Norton became the bride of Larz Neilson.

And then, as quickly as the

wedding happened, he was back on the ship for a five-month voyage to the South Pacific island of New Caledonia, due east from Australia.

When he returned, they moved to New York City, where he was a loading officer in the port of New York. Longshoremen would load the ship, but an officer had to supervise, to ensure the ship had the proper ballast arrangement. After spending the summer in New York, Larz was assigned as captain of the SS Daniel Boone, a Liberty Ship. He was the youngest captain in the U.S. merchant fleet.

He sailed the Daniel Boone

nearly around the world, landing in San Francisco. There he turned the ship over to the U.S. Army and flew back to New York. He captained three other ships during the war, including two Victory Ships. These were similar to Liberty Ships, except they had a turbine engine.

My mother spent the war sometimes living with her parents, other times traveling to whatever port Larz's ship was in: San Francisco, Wilmington, N.C., New York.

My brother Peter was born in May 1943. My mother's bedroom had blackout shades for night-time feedings. I came into this world in May 1946, nine months after the war

ended.

I never realized how lucky I was to have been born until someone brought my father a proof copy of a book cataloging the U.S. shipping losses in World War II. The U.S. merchant ships were sitting ducks for the German U-boats. The U.S. lost over 1,000 merchant ships in the war. Out of 50,000 men in the Merchant Marine at the time of Pearl Harbor, 10,000 were killed in the first six months of the war.

It is said that one reason the Allies won the war was the tremendous industrial machine that was the United States of America. The U.S. kept cranking out munitions, and the

Liberty Ships delivered them to the war. And that is what my father did in the war - he played "Tip-toe through the U-boats," delivering men and munitions to the war in Europe. Was he any good? All I can say is that he survived. Given the odds, that was pretty good.

He wrapped up his career at sea in November 1947 after bring a Liberty Ship home from Sweden, where the captain had committed suicide. Because the Merchant Marine was private enterprise, he was never granted veteran's status until 1987, when Congress finally passed a bill making the merchant mariners of World War II official war veterans.

## WCTV's new Youth Outreach Coordinator

FROM PAGE 1

commended him to PAC-TV in Plymouth. Subsequently, Robert landed a job as PAC-TV's Production Assistant.

"In my capacity as Production Assistant, I assisted with all aspects of studio production, including editing, graphics, audio and visual, making sure that government meetings got taped, and other things of that nature," recalls Robert. "Basically, you could say that I was sort of a multi-purpose handyman. Although it was a great experience working there, I eventually chose to return to my Wilmington roots and pursue my first love, freelance photography. I also did some printing work. It's highly rewarding work, but it's also very competitive. It's very difficult to make a living solely at freelance photography. Then I heard about the opening at WCTV and e-mailed my resume to Station Director Ruth Kennedy. Nancy Richards, the Executive Director at PAC-TV put in a good word for me, and I landed the job here."

So what is a typical day on the

job like for Robert?

"It's hard to say, since I've only been here since November 27th," begins Robert, "but a good answer might be that there is no 'typical day'. In this business, every day brings something new, and unexpected things always pop up."

On Tuesday afternoons, Robert works with a group consisting of ten 'Video Explorers' at the Wilmington Middle School. The high school video class also comes over during the school day a few times a week. Roberts says that he loves working with the youth because they have lots of fresh, new ideas and lots of energy to boot. Once they come up with an inspiration for a project that they want to do, they're really gung-ho and go all-out with it. Right now they're working on an animation project.

Says Robert, "They're a fun bunch, although a sense of humor is definitely a prerequisite to working with them."

Other popular youth activities include WCTV's 'Video Vacation Camps,' which are held during February and April school vacations as well as dur-

ing the summertime.

"Our youth 'customers' run the gamut, from the Wilmington Strings Attached Music Program to the Girl Scouts of America, and everything else in between," says Robert. "We're more than willing to offer our services to anyone who wants to check us out. Basically, we're open to anyone in the community who wants to provide entertainment, represent an organization, express an opinion, or explain a point of view about something. This is one of the aspects that I like best about local-access television. It's truly for everyone; it's one of the last venues where one can act within the parameters of the First Amendment."

Continues Robert, "Another wonderful aspect of this business is that the whole network of local-access television stations constitutes a community-within-itself. Instead of competing against one another, neighboring stations communicate with and support one another and share ideas about how to make the services that they provide even better. You

really don't find that sort of partnership spirit anywhere else in the business world. Someone from one station wrote a pamphlet about studio lighting, and another person wrote a pamphlet about audio aspects. They put those ideas out there to benefit everyone. Ideas are also shared during regional seminars and at the national alliance conference in July."

Concludes Robert, "Last, but by no means least, is the wonderful work done by our dedicated volunteers. They're friendly, accessible folks who are willing to learn all aspects of the business and help out wherever they are needed. Their services are truly appreciated."

So how does Robert sum up his philosophy on life and work?

"If you're going to call anything work, if you're going to get up and do it almost every day of your life, then you might as well love what you do," says Robert. "As far as I'm concerned, this is where the magic happens."



**YOUR FRIEND IN WEATHER.** Channel 5 meteorologist David Brown visited the Woburn Street School in Wilmington last month and gave students tips on how to predict the weather. Many of the kids asked Brown when Wilmington would be getting snow. The question, of course, was answered last week when the town received its first coat of flakes for the winter. In the photo above, Kelly Finn helped Brown demonstrate how lightning tends to zap the highest point of buildings.

(Courtesy photo)

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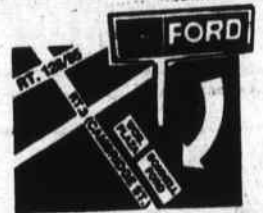
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## Female Athlete of the Year: Jackie Rubino

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

Jackie Rubino's numbers speak for themselves in the game of softball. A career .400 plus batting average. Nine homeruns in three years. Sixty-five runs batted in through three years. And as a catcher she has thrown out 80 of a possible 93 runners (86 percent) trying to steal. She's a two-time all-conference player.

And before her junior year started this past spring, she was named one of the top 25 softball players in the entire state, as well as one of the top five catchers in the entire state.

In this calendar year she helped the softball team win a league championship and finish 19-3 including a loss in the second round of the state tournament to Tewksbury. She batted .418, she slugged 6 homeruns and knocked in 27 runs in 22 games. She also threw out 27-of-30 runners trying to steal.

Certainly she had a tremendous season which will only move her up on the top 25 poll and the poll of the top five catchers in the entire state.

On top of that, she was also a captain for the field hockey team which missed the state tournament by a single point. She was a midfielder/defender and certainly the team's strongest and most consistent hitter.

Above all her accomplishments and statistics, she is legit because of her bubbly personality, her huge heart, her maturity and just the pleasant way she goes about life.

And it was her personality, or as she said lack there of, which got her into sports, and softball. When Jackie was in third grade she was very quiet and shy. Her mother, Lindsey, wanted Jackie to make some friends and basically come out of her shell. Lindsey suggested that her daughter try a sport so Jackie chose softball.

Glenn Downs was Jackie's first softball coach and he knew that Jackie was shy so he joked with her that maybe she'd like to be the team's catcher and stay behind a mask.

Obviously that worked since Jackie has made plenty of friends, has come out of her shell and has been a catcher ever since.

Mom always knows best. Mom's idea just might get her daughter a scholarship to play softball. Thus far Jackie has applied to Endicott, Merrimack, University of Vermont, St. Anselm and Regis. She is hoping to get a scholarship to play softball, while she is torn between

nursing and education as a major.

"That's actually going to be my college essay," said Jackie, referring to how she got involved in softball. "I'm so glad my Mom suggest that - I love softball."

**Carrying on the tradition**

Over the past 12 years or so softball coach Paul Lyman has had a long string of great catchers. Judy O'Connell was the best he ever had as she went onto Merrimack College and was an All-American as the Warriors won a National Championship.

After O'Connell, Carrie Tarantino and Lisa Southmayd were catchers on the team's back-to-back state championship seasons. Southmayd was a freshman that year.

After Southmayd graduated and went on to have a very impressive career as Endicott's catcher, Rubino came into WHS and started as a freshman. That year she was sensational, batting .431 with 1 homerun and 20 RBI.

She also threw out 27 of the possible 33 runners trying to steal. Rubino has certainly carried on the tradition of great catchers at WHS - as she is already one of the better ones the program's ever had.

"I was very surprised how well I did as a freshman," she said. "Once I started and did well my confidence got up. Plus Mr. Lyman had a lot to do with boosting my confidence. He made me so comfortable. He pushes you to do so awesome."

"He's the type of coach who can take any group of kids and turn them into a winning team. He's amazing."

The following year as a sophomore, Rubino improved greatly defensively, while she another strong year at the plate batting .387 with two homeruns and 18 RBI. She helped lead the team to the Division 2 North Sectional Semi-Final losing to Melrose.

"The speed of the game is so much faster [in high school]," said Rubino. "I had to get used to throwing out runners at that level, and trying to block the plate. I just tried to sharpen my skills as much as I could."

As a freshman Rubino had a strong arm, but now she is older and stronger her arm is certainly a weapon not to be toyed with. On top of a throwing arm, a catcher has to do so many other things - call pitches, know the batters, lead the team, not to mention all of the aches and pains that goes with playing the gruesome position.

With that, the more Rubino played, the more she improved behind the plate. She started to call pitches, she adjusted very well to knowing the hitters and knowing her pitchers to call the best pitch at that certain time.

"Softball wise she's obviously one of the better catchers we've ever had here," said Lyman. "We've been fortunate enough to have a long line of good catchers with Judy, Lisa and even Nancy [Pote] the year she caught. Jackie is the typical Wilmington catcher. She has a great arm, she's very good defensively. Every year she's really improved defensively. And at the plate she's always been a power hitter. She's been our leading hitter since her freshman year."

"As a junior she was named one of the top 25 players in the entire state and one of the top five catchers in the entire state by the Scholastic Magazine. She rates up as one of the better players we've had in the last ten years."

**Second sport just as much fun**

Jackie begun playing field hockey when she was in sixth grade as she heard about the middle school program. When she arrived at WHS, she spent a year on JV before being moved to varsity her sophomore year. That year the team struggled with wins.

The following year as a junior, Jackie helped the team's defense greatly improve as they qualified for the state tournament but lost in the opening round to league foe Rockport.

This year as a co-captain, Rubino thought the team could cause a lot of damage when the season began. But that didn't happen. The team suffered it's third losing season in the past four years, missing the state tournament by a single point.

"I thought we were really talented," she said. "We had a lot of fun, but we could've and should've gone a lot further and done much better than we did. Personally I was really disappointed because I thought we had a lot of talent and I thought we were going to be really good. I don't know what happened. I guess we didn't score enough goals and we were unlucky."

Just like softball, Rubino really improved in field hockey. Her hits were more consistent, but she became a much smarter player on the field knowing where to go and what to do.

"Experience helps you so much



WILMINGTON HIGH SENIOR JACKIE RUBINO, shown here running to first base during the softball season, is chosen as this year's Town Crier Female Athlete of the Year. (File Photo).

in field hockey," she said. "You can go to as many clinics as you want, but you don't become better unless you keep on playing."

**Self improvement**

Jackie Rubino has greatly improved in both of her sports over the years (she also was a member of the varsity basketball team but sat out the season because of an ankle injury). Yes she's had the talents, but it's her work ethic which has taken her to the next level.

"To me I don't feel any pressure," she said. "I don't feel pressure being one of the top 25 players [in the state]. As long as I keep achieving my personal bests and keep improving - that's all that matters."

"I think attitude is everything. [This past softball season] we were all surprised how well we did. It was a team thing. Katelyn [Sughrue] did a great job. But you have to have a great team to back up a great pitcher. Everyone on the team wanted to win, wanted to play and wanted to do well. Everyone had great attitudes and that was the difference. Everyone got along and it was an absolute blast."

Sounds like one of her hits ... an absolute blast.



JACKIE RUBINO (LEFT) WAS A co-captain of the field hockey team along with her friend Stephanie Quinton. (File Photo).



HERE RUBINO SHOWS OFF HER stick work this past season for the WHS Field Hockey team. (File Photo).

## Male Athlete of the Year: Next Week

## Female Athlete of the Year:

2001: Jackie Rubino: Softball & Field Hockey

2000: Kim Gillespie: Field Hockey, Indoor and Outdoor Track

1999: Kristen Kacamburas: Soccer, Basketball & Outdoor Track

1998: Michelle McGonagle: Soccer, Basketball & Softball

1997: Melissa Mather: Soccer, Basketball & Softball

1996: Julie Gillis: Field Hockey, Indoor Track & Softball

1995: Leanne Harris: Field Hockey, Basketball & Softball

1994: Nancy Pote: Soccer, Basketball & Softball



## WHS Boys Hockey Preview

# Three-time league champs out for more

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

The Wilmington High ice hockey team return this year as the three-time Cape Ann League Champions. This year's team also returns three very talented forwards who combined for 83 points last year and starting on Wednesday night the trio will be skating together.

Thus the thoughts of competing for a fourth league title and post season victories seems to pretty feasible. But it won't be that easy.

"We're going to need the consistent play every night," said coach Steve Scanlon, who is in his 11th year as head coach. "It's going to be tough. We're the three-time league champions and every night we're going to be the big game on team's schedules. Everyone will be gunning for us."

Much like the boys' basketball team which has several great offensive players, the hockey team's biggest question will be defensively. Last year the team finished 15-4-4 — including a second round state tournament loss to the eventual state champions of Danvers — solely because of their defensemen and players like Mike Whitney, Brian Velardo and Mike Montalto who made sure they played hard in all three zones.

This year's team will have several new faces in the defensive end. Goaltender Joe Luciano has moved out from the net to a second line wing position as junior Paul Sferrezza, who played a handful of games last year, and sophomore Andy Berian are currently fighting out for the number one goaltender's spot. All-league defenseman Scott Buck graduated leaving just two returners on the blue line in Matt Porter and Brent Holloway.

"Defensively we're struggling a bit so far," said Scanlon. "There's

been some good and there's been some bad. We know what we need to work on."

The first line could be nearly as potent as the trio of Mark DiGiovanni, Justin Vallas and Shawn Haubner were years ago. Perhaps this year's trio doesn't have as much speed, but Anthony Tomasi, Dan Liberty and Geiff Ferreira could be just as potent with the puck.

Last year Liberty (16-11-27) and Ferreira (15-14-29) were part of the first line crew and now Tomasi (15-11-26) moves up from the second line and he could be a very good addition.

"The first line could be very potent," said Scanlon. "They have a lot of talent. They have speed, they have skills, they have hockey sense and they could be dangerous. But what they have to avoid is trying to take turns doing it by themselves."

Assuming the trio works very well together and doesn't try to be individual scorers, that should set the tone for the rest of the team. The second forward group is a very interesting trio. Senior Jack Webb will center Luciano and sophomore Dave DeMango. Webb is a very fast skater, who has a good knack for the goal and a nice shot. DeMango is the physical presence on the ice, and Luciano is playing forward for the first time since his days in junior high.

"They're good," said Scanlon of the second group. "They're quick. And they're all hard workers."

The third line has seniors Kyle Burns and Jason Riley, who has moved from defense to forward, along with freshman Ed Tucker who has impressed Scanlon thus far. Seniors Bob McIver and John Conley will play along side junior Jonathan Fish on the fourth line.

No matter how many goals the four lines put in this year, the

team won't win as many games unless they play defense. That's the big question.

Seniors Porter and Holloway will be the first two defensemen paired and they bring experience and steady play to the line-up. Both of them haven't done anything flashy in the past but they both get the job done — that's exactly what Scott Buck did last year and he was voted all-conference.

Greg Buck, Scott's brother, and sophomore Kevin Tobin are the second pair of defensemen. Greg Buck played in a handful of games last year, while Tobin is up from the JV team. Ryan Gaudet, a transfer from Shawsheen Tech and senior Brian Martinello are the third pair.

Scanlon said that right now the goaltending situation is still up in the air between Sferrezza and Berian. He said both of them have had pretty good pre-seasons and the top spot is still up for grabs. Thus far in pre-season the team has tied Lowell and Andover, lost to Tewksbury and Bishop Guertin, the two-time New Hampshire Division 1 Champions, and beat Haverhill and Marblehead.

Starting on Wednesday night when Triton Regional comes to town, Wilmington will have a very tough schedule ahead of them. Triton, Amesbury, Newburyport and Masconomet should all be tough Cape Ann League games. Add to that non-league games against Woburn, Tewksbury, Nauset Regional, Dracut and then the two tournaments the team is in and that's a pretty gruesome 22-game schedule.

"I think the pre-season has served its purpose," said Scanlon. "We know what we have to work on and we know that we need a consistent effort night in and night out. I think the kids are ready, and excited to get the season underway."



THE WILMINGTON HIGH GIRLS' ICE HOCKEY TEAM will begin its season this week behind juniors (from left) Samantha Dunnett, Jen Rogers, Jen Jensen and Heather See. Missing from picture is the lone senior on the team Ashley Biggins. (Photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

## WHS Girls Hockey Preview

# Experience hopefully turns into winning

By PAUL HAYES  
Sports Correspondent

Last season, the Wilmington High girl's hockey team was a learning experience. Over 20 girls, many of which had never laced up a pair of skates, learned to skate and stickhandle.

A year later, the stakes have been raised. With a more skilled crop of newcomers, and a more skilled and confident core of returning players, the Lady Ice Cats have a more ambitious goal: Winning.

"This year the girls are a lot better," said head coach Joe McMahon.

Replacing a handful of students who transferred out of Wilmington, including one of last season's top offensive players, Jackie Rideout, the team has recruited a crop of eighth graders, many of whom have hockey experience. They are goalie Cassie Secher, defenseman Katelyn Lynch, and forwards Jackie Moran, Michelle Jensen and Erin Magee.

In particular, Moran is a fast, aggressive skater who learned the game in the Reading youth hockey system. According to McMahon, once she and some of the other younger players gain experience, they could fill the scoring void left by Rideout.

Meanwhile, several returning players spent the off-season practicing. The results surprised the coaching staff.

"We knew what was coming up from 8th grade, but we didn't realize the existing girls would come along at the pace they did," said McMahon. "The off-season effort is really encouraging, not one of these girls has lost the desire to play. It makes our job easier."

Sophomore defenseman Sarah Bellefontaine reported to preseason as one of the most improved skaters on the team, after attending a power skating clinic in Wilmington.

Sophomore forward Caroline Powers attended a hockey school at the University of New Hampshire. Sophomore forward Kristine Barry scored her first goal during a preseason scrimmage.

The players expected to lead Wilmington this season are sisters Heather and Rachel See, and freshman defenseman Jen Corcoran.

Heather See, a junior goaltender, not only makes saves in the net, but also off of the ice. Last season she volunteered to tutor other layers on the team. Rachel See, a sophomore forward, is the team's top returning offensive player, and should score in bunches. Corcoran, whom McMahon has coached for nearly a decade, is an excellent skater and defensive player. Corcoran and Rachel See will be looked upon to pass their skills on to younger players.

Other returning players include freshman goaltender Julie Martell, who played very well in a recent preseason jamboree in Cambridge. The team will rotate Martell, See and Secher in goal throughout the season.

Also returning are freshmen forward Katie Martell and defenseman Christina Roux, sophomores center Jillian Abell, forwards Tiffany Zolt, Kristin Burns, juniors forwards Jenn Rogers and Samantha Dunnett, and defenseman Maria Sorrentino, and senior defenseman Ashley Biggins.

In addition to the 8th graders, other new players joining the

team this year are freshmen forwards Kerri Porter and Kelly Komenchuk, and junior Jenn Jensen.

Practice began approximately three weeks ago, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Since then, the girls have participated in twice weekly morning skate practices starting at 6 a.m.; afternoon strength, conditioning and shooting workouts led by defensive coach Harry See; and blackboard classes emphasizing game strategy taught by See and McMahon.

See also ran a summer clinic that met every Sunday from June through August. Also instructing the players are offensive coach Ken DiMaggio, goaltending coach Matt Depasquale, and assistant coach Leann McConlogue.

The improved ability of both new and returning players over last year's team allows the coaches to concentrate on tactics rather than basics.

"(The coaches) can jump into teaching how to play the game, we don't have to spend time on rudimentary skills," said McMahon. "(The girls) can handle learning the game at a quicker pace."

The team participated in two 15-minute running time scrimmages at the Cambridge Hockey Jamboree on Saturday. After they were drubbed in their first match, Wilmington lost an extremely competitive match against Cambridge, 4-2. The two teams have a budding rivalry dating back to last year, when Wilmington closed out

the season with a home win over Cambridge.

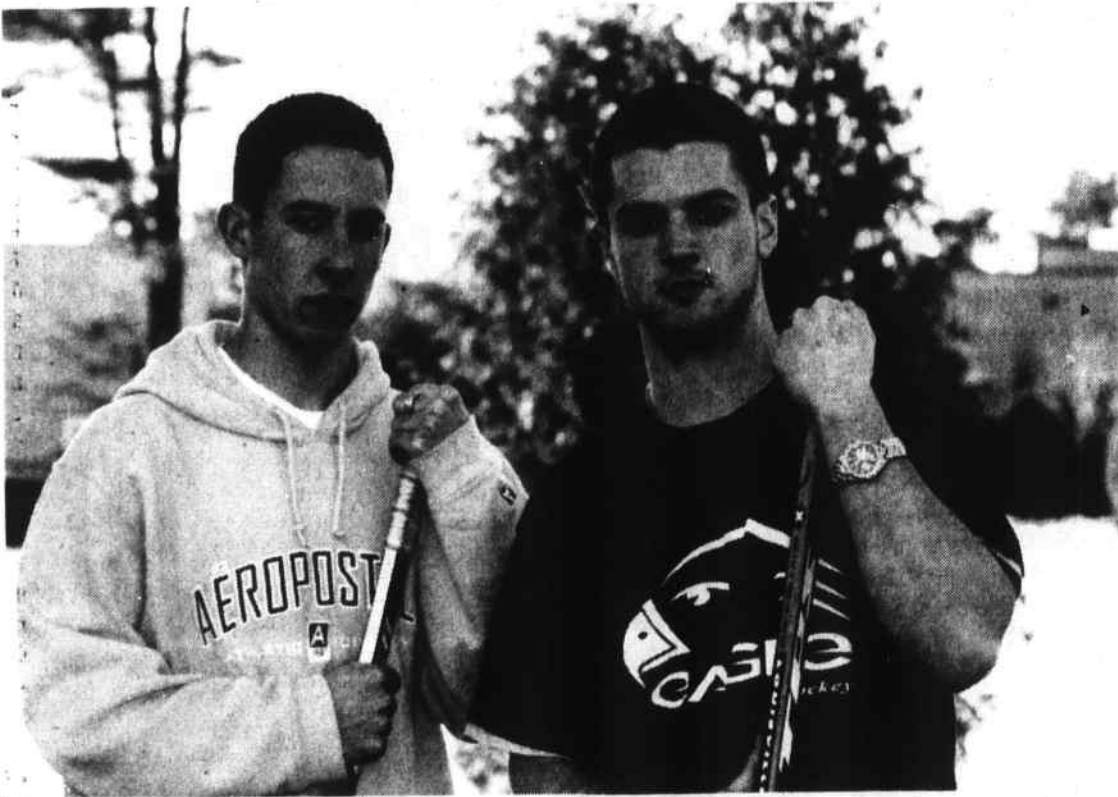
They will face each other twice this season, on Jan. 5 in Cambridge, and at home for the final game of the year.

"For some reason we always seem to play fantastic games," said McMahon. "It's a lot of fun when we get together; I'm looking forward to a rematch."

The Lady Cats open their season on Wednesday in Burlington at 8 p.m., followed by their home opener on Saturday against Westwood at 1:20 p.m. Other opponents this season include first year teams Billerica and Andover, and an away game against Martha's Vineyard.

## Team Roster:

- | #  | Name                |
|----|---------------------|
| 1  | Julie Martell       |
| 2  | Cassie Secher       |
| 3  | Sarah Bellefontaine |
| 4  | Jen Corcoran        |
| 5  | Kristine Barry      |
| 6  | Caroline Powers     |
| 7  | Kerri Porter        |
| 8  | Katie Martell       |
| 9  | Kelly Komenchuk     |
| 10 | Jillian Abell       |
| 11 | Tiffany Zolt        |
| 12 | Katelyn Lynch       |
| 13 | Ashley Biggins      |
| 14 | Kristin Burns       |
| 15 | Rachele See         |
| 16 | Jenn Rogers         |
| 17 | Samantha Dunnett    |
| 18 | Christina Roux      |
| 19 | Jackie Moran        |
| 20 | Michelle Jensen     |
| 21 | Jenn Jensen         |
| 22 | Erin Magee          |
| 23 | Maria Sorrentino    |
| 30 | Heather See         |



THE WILMINGTON HIGH BOYS' HOCKEY TEAM will look to capture its fourth straight league title behind co-captains Matt Porter (left) and Dan Liberty (right). (Photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

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THE WILMINGTON HIGH GIRLS' TRACK TEAM will look to continue its winning ways behind co-captains Lisa Hurley (left) and Michelle Brush (right). (Photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

## WHS Girls Track Preview

# New coaches, but old ways hope to stay

By PAUL HAYES  
Sports Correspondent

A dramatically different girls track team will open their season this week at Ipswich, but for all the changes, new head coach Megan Donahue hopes the team won't forget last year's winning ways.

Donahue and Rebecca Granger take over the reigns from Kara Kane, who last season guided the Lady Cats to a 6-4 record in the Cape Ann League. Making matters more difficult, the team lost several leading scorers to graduation, including Kim Gillespie, and Michelle Lemos, and Cape Ann League MVP Becky Rufo.

In their place, the team has fielded 12 freshmen, accounting for nearly half of the team's 28-person roster. While this may leave the team short on experience, Donahue is not short on optimism. "I'm hoping for a winning record," she said. "I think we can do it."

In setting their initial lineup, the coaches have paired freshmen with experienced athletes, starting with the 2-mile, where junior Michelle Brush is joined by newcomer Caitlin Foley and Katherine McMahon.

Once the team has a couple of meets under its belt, Donahue said the role of freshmen athletes would be made clearer.

"After the first meet, we will be better able to gauge our freshmen," said Donahue. "So far they

have been very good, and very competitive, in practice."

In addition to Brush, other returning runners include co-captains Lisa Hurley and Stephanie Winn (hurdles), senior Heather Dorothy (hurdles), juniors Mary Sullivan (mile), Michaela Rufo (55 & 300 meters, high jump), and sophomores Melissa Marks (600 & 1,000 meter, high jump), Lisa Martienello (hurdles) Katherine Chin and Tina Walking (sprinters).

In addition to last year's seniors, the team will also have to compensate for the absence of sprinter Stefany Quinton, who also competed in the shot put. In the latter event, the team is employing upperclassmen Sarah Zimmerman and Gabriella Maglione.

Donahue attended high school at Notre Dame Academy in Worcester, MA, where she competed on the outdoor track and cross-country teams. Afterwards she attended Villanova University in Villanova, PA, where she was a member of the ladies crew team.

Last season she was hired as an assistant coach for the Wilmington outdoor track team, and this fall she assisted cross-country team coach Tom Bradley. She said she has always wanted to coach at the high school level.

"I had an excellent high school coach, and I've wanted to coach ever since," she said. "I always knew I wanted to get involved."

In their first season as head coaches, Donahue and Granger based her training regimen on last year's indoor track team workouts. Over the past three weeks the coaches have focused on general conditioning.

When the practices begin to focus on technique, the coaches will gravitate to their specialties. Donahue will work with distance runners, while Granger - a pentathlete - will coach skill events including hurdles and shot put. Cross-country coach Tom Bradley has volunteered to work with the high jumpers.

Since Wilmington does not have an indoor track facility, the teams typically practice indoors at the high school. However, the recent bout of warm weather had allowed the team to practice through the second week of December on the outdoor track and the school parking lot.

"I like to avoid running inside, because the floor is even harder than the cement (parking lot), and (the girls) get shin splints," said Donahue. "We have to do what we can with our resources."

The team kicks off its season at Ipswich on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., followed by a meet against Amesbury at Lynn Tech on Saturday at 9 a.m. Neither team has the reputation of a traditionally strong program. Donahue said this could allow the team to finalize its lineup before facing league powerhouses Pentucket, Hamilton-Wenham and Masconomet.

Tewksbury resident and senior Jeff Stokes can fill in at 171 and Rob Toppi is a backup at 140.

And chemistry won't be a problem considering Wiitala and Maynard were co-captains for the Rams' football team and Verrocchio was a vocal leader for Shawsheen on the gridiron. In addition, most of Shawsheen's wrestlers wore purple and white for the Rams' football squad.

"A lot of kids don't want to do two grueling sports," said Donovan. "You try and tell the linemen that it's a good balance thing and in fact, it's probably the best thing for them."

The rest of the starting lineup consists of underclassmen, including sophomore John Pimental at 181. Last season, Pimental finished seventh at sectionals.

Wilmington sophomore Greg Balestrieri will fill the 119 slot, while Tewksbury juniors Derek Delisle and Dave Callahan fill the 145 and heavyweight slots, respectively. Wilmington's Adam King starts at 215.

"Adam King started for me as a freshman," said Donovan. "He blew his knee out last year, but he's going to be pretty good."

Senior John Dell'Anno (140), sophomore Steven Helmer (103) and junior Brian Gird (171) round out the starting lineup.

"The key is work ethic," said Donovan. "The kids know what to do, what to work on, on and off the mat."

Over the summer, many Shawsheen wrestlers showed their

dedication to the sport by attending a camp in Edinborough. There they reinforced what they've been practicing from the time they stepped into the school.

"Our motto has always been: family, school, wrestling," said Donovan. "And the kids got it down. They know they have to work within themselves."

Shawsheen wrestled well in preseason scrimmages against Lincoln-Sudbury and Tewksbury. Now the Rams are fired up for their season-opening dual match against Division I defending champion Chelmsford.

"I've never beaten them," said Donovan, whose team has opened against Chelmsford the last eight years. "I tied them once, but never beat them. The kids are looking forward to it."

The Rams should be looking forward to facing all comers, considering they have depth to go along with their talent. Newcomers to the Shawsheen squad are Tewksbury freshman Pat Connor (140), Wilmington junior Dan Zuccara (116), Tewksbury's Matt Mecri and Joe Kukler, Wilmington's Peter Barry and Paul Callahan, a starter from last season at 160.

Depth and talent aside, wrestling often comes down to who works the hardest. Donovan has the squad to outwork all squads.

"With their work ethic, the kids are dying when they come off the mat," said Donovan. "That's the way it should be."

## Girls Hoop fall to Amesbury

# Fighting Indians knock out Lady 'Cats in opener

By MATT KALMAN  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT  
In boxing terms, the Wilmington girls' basketball team was looking for the left, but Amesbury threw the right and delivered a knockout.

With their minds set on stopping Amesbury 6-footer Devin Warwick, the Wildcats were burned by guard Marilyn Duffy-Colona for 34 points in a 70-49 season-opening loss on Tuesday night.

"Twenty-one (Duffy-Colona) killed us," said Wilmington head coach Bob Gillis. "We were worried about 24 (Warwick) and 21 killed us. She handled the ball real well and broke our press."

Warwick still managed to finish the night with 16 points, 10 rebounds and four blocked shots, while Duffy-Colona hit four 3-point baskets. The duo combined for 16-for-16 from the foul line.

Wilmington was led in scoring by Lisa Antonangeli, who came off the bench to score 12 points, and Lauren Rappoli.

"She (Antonangeli) gave us a little spark," said Gillis. "A couple of the girls, they gave us a spark for a half-minute or so and then we settled right back into, you know."

Amesbury opened the game with a 7-1 run before Wilmington finally scored its first field goal of the night. Rappoli, hit a shot at the 13:16 mark to cut the lead to 7-3.

Using a full-court trap, Amesbury forced Wilmington into a number of turnovers and hurried shots to build the lead to 21-13 with 4:55 left in the first half.

"We've got six press-breakers, they didn't run one of them," said Gillis. "You practice all day long and all of a sudden you get in the game and for whatever reason, they seemed a little nervous to me."

All the while, Gillis didn't go his bench until there were less than five minutes left in the half.

"I was just seeing if we could get something going," said Gillis.

Antonangeli entered the game and made her presence felt with a basket that cut the lead to 21-15. Wilmington's own brand of pressure defense started work and the Wildcats cut the lead to five after a pair of free throws from Antonangeli and one converted free throw by Kirsten Pizzotti.

The lead was five, 29-24, at halftime after Stacey Comer was fouled on a 3-point shot attempt at the buzzer and she converted 1-of-3 foul shots.

Amesbury opened the second half much like it opened the first as it went on a 14-5 run to build a 14-point lead at 43-29. An Antonelli 3-pointer cut the lead back to 11, but that was the closest the Wildcats got. Amesbury scored the next seven points and never looked back.

Despite the outcome, Gillis managed to find a couple of positives in his team's play.

"After a while, their shooting started to get a little better," said Gillis. "And they hustled. They hustled all over the place."

Amesbury (70): Waters 24-8-10, Barry 1 0-0 2, Dentier 3 0-0 6, Mandalto 1 0-0 2, Duffy-Colona 10-10-34, Warwick 5-6-16. Totals 22 20-24 70.

Wilmington (49): Pizzotti 0 2-4 2, Sauve 3 4-6 10, Spry 0 0-0 0.

## DiGiovanni boots Babson into winning ways

Mark DiGiovanni recently wrapped up his junior season for the Babson College men's soccer team. A 1999 graduate of Wilmington High School, DiGiovanni helped the Beavers to a solid 12-8-1 season that included a berth in the ECAC New England Tournament.

Babson began the season by winning five of its first six contests, but then lost seven of its next nine to slip to 7-6-0 overall. The Beavers turned it on down the stretch, however, taking four out of five games to end the regular season at 11-7-0.

After being knocked out of the NEWMAC Tournament by MIT, Babson was selected as the sixth seed in the 2001 ECAC New England Tournament. The Beavers then upset #3 UMass-Dartmouth, 1-0 to advance to the semifinals, where they played second-seeded Westfield State to a 1-1 tie. Babson then saw its season come to an end when the Owls won in penalty kicks, 4-2.

Antonangeli 4 2-2 12, Rappoli 4 3-7 12, Gillis 0 0-0 0, Borsetti 2 0-2 4, Cronin 1 0-0 2, Thresher 0 2-4 2, Gillespie 2 0-0 4, Comer 0 1-3 1. Totals 16 14-28 49.

Halftime—Amesbury 70, Wilmington 49.

3-point goals — Amesbury 4 (Duffy-Colona 4), Wilmington 3 (Antonangeli 2, Rappoli). Total fouls — Amesbury 19, Wilmington 19. Fouled out — Antonangeli.

## Boys' Hoop team chalks up impressive win in opener

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

Over the years as head coach Jim McCune has set a 50-point and under plateau for opposing teams. If his team held opposing teams to under 50 points, there's almost certainly his Wildcats would walk away with a victory.

On the flip side of that, if his team got anywhere over the 60 point mark they usually walked away with a win.

On Tuesday night, Wilmington didn't hold Amesbury to under 50 points. But the 'Cats scored an amazing 81 points in the team's opening game on the road. Yes these 'Cats will score their share of points, but the big question all along is can they sure up defensively?

"We have to work on that," said McCune after the 81-66 win. "We weren't sharp but we were good enough to win. I didn't think we had one of our better shooting nights to be honest. It's going to be very hard for teams to outscore us. Our problems are defense and defensive rebounding and clearly those were apparent [on Tuesday]."

"We were careless sometimes against their press and we shot just 14-of-24 from the free throw

line. So we have some work to do. But after one game I don't think any team wants to be at their peak. We're going to be pretty good - we just have to work on some things."

Wilmington had five players reach double figures. As big as Valence Nwachukwu's 24 points were, including 16 in the second half, junior Ryan Tildsley's performance certainly didn't go unnoticed. He came off the bench and scored 13 points including three treys. Throughout the game Wilmington held leads of 6-10 points and three times when the lead went to just six, Tildsley popped in a huge three-pointer.

"Ryan had a tremendous game, he really did," said McCune. "He also shut down one of [Amesbury's] better players - he was big for us off the bench."

Besides the 37 combined points of Nwachukwu and Tildsley, Craig Osgood had 14 points and 7 rebounds, while Pat Taylor had a strong night of 12 points, 8 rebounds and 5 steals. Mike Jordan had 10 points, while Zach Mitzen, John Ferreri and Mike Kelley combined for 8.

Wilmington will play next on Friday in their home opener against Newburyport.

## Wildcat wrestlers pin their share

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

Not only did the Wilmington High wrestling team defeat both Lynnfield and Quabbin Regional to open the season on the right foot in the team's tri-meet held at WHS on Saturday, but of the 12 combined wins 8 of them came by pin.

Not a bad day's work.

Wilmington first faced Quabbin and the 'Cats were victorious at 45-21. The meet started off a little rough for the 'Cats. After Jason Cranford won his 160-pound match — there's a rule change this year in wrestling. Instead of starting every meet from the 103 class and work it's way up to the heavyweights, the MIAA has ruled that a pick of the hat will determine which weight class will begin a meet. Thus, there won't be the added pressure on the wrestlers in the heavyweight division who have been accustomed to waiting and having their match be the difference in meets — because of a forfeit, the 'Cats lost their next two matches as Matt Gennetti and John Dowling were both pinned.

The 'Cats quickly recovered winning 9-of-the-last 11 matches. Phil O'Brien won 7-4 at the 215-pound weight class, while Chris Olson won by forfeit at 275. At 103 Justin Strem lost a tough match, 9-3, but had his opponent on his back in the final 20 seconds but

just didn't have enough time to pin him. Chris Minghella won by pin just 36 seconds into the match, while Cory Calway won by forfeit. Sang Ngo won 11-3 at 125, while Jordan Weiner was pinned with 38 seconds left in the third period at 130. The 'Cats finished up the meet with three victories as Roman Walsh, Derek Hanley and John McMahon padded Wilmington's lead.

After watching Quabbin face Lynnfield, Wilmington rested a bit before facing the Pioneers and squashing them, 54-24. Of the 13 matches, Wilmington won 10 of them with 8 of them coming from pins. Minghella (40 seconds), Weiner (44 seconds), Walsh (34 seconds) and Gennetti (42 seconds) were very impressive with victories under a minute. Ngo (2:43), Hanley (4:13) and O'Brien (1:56) also were victorious by pins. Strem and Kevin Paris won by forfeits. Cranford, Dowling and McMahon lost tough matches.

Wilmington will now gear up for the annual Sons of Italy Tournament to be held this Saturday at WHS beginning at 10:00 a.m. Usually the championship matches are held around 7:00 p.m. You can bet Coach Mike Pimental will have a handful of his wrestlers in the championship round.

## Shawsheen Tech Wrestling Preview

# Grapplers would like to climb back up the charts

By MATT KALMAN  
Sports Correspondent

Even though he's entering his 17th season as wrestling coach at Shawsheen Tech, coaching grapplers doesn't get stale for Mark Donovan.

In fact, Donovan might be anticipating the upcoming season with more vigor than any previous season. He has good reason to look forward.

"If I don't have to bunch up and have a kid hurt, this could be the strongest team I've ever had," said Donovan, whose highest finish with the Rams was third in the state.

The Rams went 10-9 last season, with second place finishes at the Commonwealth Athletic Conference and Mass. Vocational tournaments. Six seniors graduated from last season's team, but Shawsheen has a solid core back.

Last season's highest finisher was 130-pound co-captain Scott Wiitala, who took second in the state in Division 1. Four other seniors will join Wiitala in the starting lineup this season.

At 125, James Hurley is a senior, who finished seventh at sectionals last season. Nick Maynard (fourth at sectionals), Tewksbury's Jeremy Verrocchio (seventh at sectionals) and Wilmington's John Dell'Anno will share captain duties with Wiitala.

"We've got four great captains," said Donovan. "We have good senior leadership."

Shawsheen's senior leadership comes from its reserves as well.



# Where's The Action!?

Town	Sport	Opponent	Time
<b>Thursday, December 15</b>			
Shawsheen	Ice Hockey	vs Bishop Fenwick	7:00pm
<b>Friday, December 14</b>			
Shawsheen	Swimming	@ Tyngsboro	3:30pm
Wilmington	Fr. Girls Basketball	@ Newburyport	3:30pm
Wilmington	Fr. Boys Basketball	vs Newburyport	4:00pm
Shawsheen	V Girls Basketball	vs P.M.A.	4:45pm
Wilmington	JV/V Girls Basketball	@ Newburyport	5:00/6:30pm
Wilmington	JV/V Boys Basketball	vs Newburyport	5:30/7:00pm
Tewksbury	JV/V Girls Basketball	vs Notre Dame	6:00/7:30pm
<b>Saturday, December 15</b>			
Wilmington	Indoor Track	vs Amesbury	9:00am
Tewksbury	Boys Indoor Track	Brandeis Classic	10:00am
Shawsheen	JV/V Wrestling	@ Wilmington	10:00am
Tewksbury	Wrestling	@ Wilmington	10:00am
Wilmington	Wrestling	Sons of Italy	10:00am
Wilmington	JV/V Boys Hockey	@ Amesbury	12:00pm
Wilmington	V Girls Hockey	vs Westwood	1:20pm
Tewksbury	V Ice Hockey	@ Higham	TBA
<b>Tuesday, December 18</b>			
Wilmington	Fr. Boys Basketball	@ Lynnfield	3:30pm
Wilmington	Fr. Girls Basketball	vs Lynnfield	4:00pm
Tewksbury	Fr. Boys Basketball	@ Lowell	4:00pm
Tewksbury	Fr. Girls Basketball	@ Lowell	4:45pm
Shawsheen	Girls Basketball	vs Tyngsboro	4:45pm
Shawsheen	V Boys Basketball	@ Northeast	4:45pm
Wilmington	JV/V Boys Basketball	@ Lynnfield	5:00/6:30pm
Wilmington	JV/V Girls Basketball	vs Lynnfield	5:30/7:00pm
Tewksbury	JV/V Boys Basketball	vs Lowell	6:00/7:30pm
Tewksbury	JV/V Girls Basketball	@ Lowell	6:00/7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, December 19</b>			
Tewksbury	Indoor Track	vs Chelmsford @Andover	3:30pm
Shawsheen	Swimming	vs Greater Lawrence	3:30pm
Shawsheen	Wrestling	@ Minuteman	4:00pm
Wilmington	Girls Hockey	@ Billerica	5:50pm
Wilmington	Indoor Track	@ North Reading	6:00pm
Tewksbury	V Ice Hockey	vs Billerica	6:00pm
Tewksbury	Wrestling	@ Wayland	6:30pm
Wilmington	V Ice Hockey	@ Lynnfield	8:15pm

Compiled by Kristin Purser

## Squirt D's enjoy uplifting victories

After suffering their first loss of the season two weeks ago, the Wilmington Squirt D hockey team, sponsored by IBEW Local 2222, got back on track last week with two uplifting wins against Groton and Wakefield.

A week ago Sunday in a last-minute schedule change, the D's polished off Groton 6-1 behind some good team play and offensive muscle from Andrew Flodin, Tom Callahan and Alex Williams, as well as help from friends Danny McDougall, Brian Hurley and Nick Massiello, who ably filled in for a thin Wilmington roster.

Tommy Callahan got Wilmington on the board first early in the opening period with a nice goal, but Groton matched it five minutes later with a score that momentarily tied the game. The D's Andrew Flodin and Danny McDougall took Groton's challenge seriously and added two more goals before the buzzer to put Wildcats in the driver's seat 3-1 at the end of one. Alex Williams and John Moriarty each chipped in with an assist, and Sammy Grant continued his run of consecutive games with a point by initiating Callahan's score.

Midway through the second period, Flodin and Grant cranked it up once more, with Flodin nailing his second tally of the game and Grant his second assist to pad the Cats' lead. Then, with 2:23 left to go in the period, Nick Massiello

punched one in off of a Tom Callahan assist to make it 5-1 Wildcats.

Early in the third, Alex Williams closed out the scoring with Wilmington's sixth goal, compliments of a Kyle Gaffey feed, to ring up the first win of the week. Sean Tavares had a strong third on D, and goalie Brian Coutu did a fine job holding Groton to one goal.

On Monday evening in the new but frigid Malden rink, Wilmington defeated Silver South Division opponent Wakefield 7-4 in a fun Valley League match-up.

Tommy Callahan once again jump started Wilmington at 10:31 of the first with a centering pass from behind the net that went in off of a stumbling Wakefield defender. Callahan had a superb game, and went on to get assists on two more passes from behind the net later in the game.

Wilmington's second period proved very fruitful, as they came up with four more scores to pull away from Wakefield. During the first minute of play, Bret Kidik leveled a shot that was initially saved but had enough English on it to spin up and into the net. John Moriarty and Brian Coutu got assists. A minute later, Sammy Grant swatted the puck half way up the net to make it 3-0 Wilmington.

Thirty-three seconds later, center Jon See smoked one past Wakefield's netminder for a four goal lead. Wakefield, now fearing

blowout, churned two goals to get back in the fray. The first was on the rebound of a nice save by Wildcat goalie Zach Rosa, and the second on a high shot in close on which Rosa had no chance. Defenseman Brian Fitzpatrick thwarted another goal by forcing a one-on-one threat into the boards without a shot.

With the Cats' lead now sliced in half late in the second, Fitzpatrick, assisted by Jon See, stepped up and launched an outside shot that quickly hit the net with 1:49 left. That left Wilmington with a comfortable 5-2 advantage at the close of the second period.

Wilmington started the third by increasing its lead when center Brian Coutu, with help from Alex Williams and John Moriarty, took a Wakefield turnover and weaved it up ice to make it 6-2. Wakefield's John Lincoff answered less than two minutes later with his third goal of the game to narrow the deficit to three, but Wildcat Brian Fitzpatrick, aided by Cole Carter and Coutu, countered again with another score. Wakefield added another goal when it was too late to matter, and had a third bid blocked on a nice play by winger John Moriarty.

At center, Dominic McCann had a great game, winning a lot of faceoffs for the D's while Zach Rosa was rock solid in net with seven saves and a perfect first period when Wilmington needed it most.

## Fifth grade hoopsters do well in shoot-out

The Wilmington Wildcats Fifth Grade Boys Travel team kicked off its 2001-2002 season with a trip to Tewksbury to complete in the "Turkey Shoot-Out Basketball Tournament." Playing for the first time together, the boys gave the competition all they could handle with tremendous hustle, good shooting and great defensive play.

In the first game, the Wildcats were pitted against a tough (and very tall) Andover team. Aggressive play by both sides kept the score low in the first half. Ben Stukey and Stephen Stewart applying pressure forced Andover to become unglued and allowed Wilmington to stay in this game. Michael Manganelli's three pointer with a few seconds remaining in the half tied the score at 11.

In the second half, the Wildcats improved their shooting performance as Bill Stukey, Jonathan Spurr, Stewart and Manganelli combined for 17 points. Unfortunately, the size and hot shooting of Andover proved too much and they walked away with a 38-28 victory.

In the second game of the day for the Wildcats, against North Reading, the outcome was much better. Continuing to have the hot shooting hand, Bill Stukey ignited the offense with 12 points. Scott Bonica, Stephen Stewart, Danny Dell Isola, Ben Stukey and Michael Manganelli also contributed with several key baskets. Tenacious defense and rebounding by Matt Hachey, Bonica, Ryan Searles and Dell Isola allowed the boys to survive a scare in the second half and secure their first victory by a score of 26-23.

The final game had the boys facing their toughest opponent in the tournament. The Billerica team came into the game undefeated and ready to go. The Wildcats, not to be intimidated, showed that they were just as ready and matched the quick Billerica team basket-for-basket and step-for-step and made this one the best basketball games of the entire tournament. Applying pressure throughout the game, the Wildcats took Billerica out of their half court game and

forced them to rely on their out side shooters for points.

Scrappy defense by Bill Stukey Michael Scola and Jason Pereira caused Billerica to turn the ball over several times and allow Wilmington to convert easy breakaway baskets. Ben Stukey led the Wildcat charge with eight points and four steals. Stephen Stewart, Scola, Pereira, Scott Bonica, Danny Dell Isola, Michael Manganelli and Bill Stukey supplied additional scoring by combining for 17 points. Ryan Searles, Matt Hachey and Jonathan Spurr pulled down key rebounds against a more physical and taller Billerica team and prevented Billerica from pulling away.

The game was decided in the last minute as Billerica scored two quick baskets and Wilmington was unable to convert on their last three possessions; final score, Billerica 30, Wilmington 25. The Wildcats may have a rivalry brewing against this tough Billerica team, as the two will pair off three times during the upcoming Merrimack Valley League season.

## Seventh graders continue magical ways

The Wilmington seventh grade basketball team continued their winning ways with two convincing wins last week over Methuen and Dracut. The wins extended the team's record to 10-1 on the season.

Thursday night the boys traveled to Methuen to take on the Rangers. Wilmington started fast in the game, jumping out to a 14-0 lead as Mike Thomas hit two big hoops off of offensive rebounds. Pat Ryan threw in six quick points and Greg Stewart chipped in with four more as it looked as though the rout was on. Methuen battled back off some strong inside play and aggressive offensive rebounding. After being behind by as many as 18 points the Rangers cut the lead to 27-20 at the half.

Wilmington regrouped and came out ready to play in the second half. Josh Mayo came up with a couple of big steals and Dan Patterson shut down the Rangers offensive rebounding. Then Wilmington exploded offensively. Nick Duggan hit a beautiful left handed hoop driving through the lane for two of his game high 10 points. Tim Kent hit three straight hoops and Kyle Borsetti and John Oliveri

threw in two buckets each as the Wildcats began to pull away. Brendan DeMango kept the offense roaring with a big hoop and Chris Dancoe hit for three second half points as Wilmington coasted to a 63-33 victory.

Saturday Wilmington hosted the Dracut Middies at the Wilmington Middle School. The Cats started slowly and Dracut took advantage of the slow start as they were tied 8-8 after six minutes. Wilmington burst this one open and never looked back. Nick Duggan had seven of his 11 points in the first half and Dan Patterson and John Oliveri added two big buckets each as the Wildcat juggernaut began to roll.

Intense defense led by Josh Mayo and Greg Stewart completely shut down the Middies as they went scoreless for the rest of the first half. Wilmington went into the locker room with a commanding 27-8 lead.

The second half was much the same as Kyle Borsetti, Tim Kent and Brendan DeMango threw in two big hoops each. Chris Dancoe, Mike Thomas and Pat Ryan controlled the boards at both ends of the court as Wilmington cruised to a 49-31 victory.

The next game is scheduled for Saturday, 5:30 p.m. at the Middle School against cross town rival, Tewksbury.

## Dellascio named to All-Conference team

Lisa Dellascio, junior tri-captain of Salem State College Women's Soccer team and team MVP is among those selected to the first Team All-Conference (MASCHC) team.

Lisa, a leading scorer with 14 goals, four assists is tied for leading goal scorer in the MASCHC.



THREE LOCALS FROM WILMINGTON, Michael Jensen, Justin DiRienzo and Mike DeRosa traveled to Lake Placid, N.Y. in November, with the Lowell Jr. Lockmonsters. The team brought home the Gold Medal. (Courtesy Photo).

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# Mite C's face off against Amesbury

The Mite C's recently beat an undefeated Amesbury squad, 3-1. In net for Wilmington was assistant Domenic Dirupo. Domenic faced nine shots and stopped all but one. He made an incredible blocker save in the second period that sent his stick flying.

The defense was made up of five players: Matt Dee, Frankie

Mearls, John Hughson, John Langenfeld and Captain Connor Brennan (one assist). They did a great job clearing rebounds and getting the puck out of the zone. The defense was able, with one exception, to stop Amesbury from sneaking behind them and hanging at the line for a breakaway.

The first line of Bret Meuse (one assist), Tyler MacInnis (one goal) and Brendan Munro (one assist) opened the scoring for Wilmington. Daniel Creedon (one goal) centered a line with Patrick Magliano and Sara Alonardo, they kept pressure on Amesbury's goalie. Kelly Brandano (one goal)

played on a line with Justin Ferreira and David Sugrue. They worked hard every shift, fighting hard for the puck and getting some good shots on net.

Their new division is much tougher than the last one. The Cats were only able to get 11 shots on net and need to work for their scoring chances. It requires total teamwork, which we saw in the victory over Amesbury.

On Friday afternoon the C's had a rematch with Marblehead B's. In the first game we lost 5-1. This time the Wildcats won 5-2.

Tyler MacInnis faced eight shots. He did a good job and allowed only two by him. He made a super save on a Marblehead breakaway.

On defense were Connor Brennan, Brendan Munro, Brett Meuse, assistant Daniel Creedon and Captain Matt Dee. They did a great job keeping Marblehead away from the net. They limited the shots on net and got the puck out of the zone. They also did a

great job holding the blue line and keeping the puck in the offensive zone.

On the first line was Frankie Mearls (one goal), Patrick Magliano and Sara Alonardo (one assist). They did a great job keeping pressure on Marblehead's goalie every shift. The second line of Justin Ferreira (one goal), David Sugrue (one assist), and Domenic Dirupo (one goal and one assist). They worked hard and swarmed the net. When near the net they fought for the puck until the whistle blew.

It was an exciting game. It was great to see how much the Wildcats improved since they played Marblehead in the first game of the season. There were some great unselfish passes in this game. It was great to see someone who has a chance to score pass to someone they think is in better position. The Wildcats had 21 shots on net which they worked hard for. It

was another great team effort.

Wilmington C's played Chelmsford A's in their new Dual State division. The C's haven't played a team as good as the Chelmsford A's and lost 9-0. Wilmington skated hard but weren't able to really get it together. The speed and positional play of the A's was incredible. They had Wilmington scrambling and off their game.

Tyler MacInnis played net and stopped 11 of the 20 shots he faced. He came out on one shot and took it off his shoulder to make the save. Captain for the game was David Sugrue with assistants Sara Alonardo and John Langenfeld.

The Wildcats put some good shots on net but were turned away. Once the kids get used to the speed of these new teams they will settle back into their style of play. They will play positions and be up for the challenge. As with Marblehead, if we play them a second time, it could be a different story.

## Squirt A's take on Billerica

The Wilmington Squirt A's came away with a 2-0 win over Billerica in Dual State action. Even though the score was close, Wilmington dominated this game and would have won by a larger margin had they not run into a hot Billerica goaltender.

Eric Siegel, Nick Riccio, Alan Michael Santos, John O'Connell, Dan Cushing, Casey Pickett, Andrew Goossens and Jeff Harris kept constant pressure on Billerica. For the most part the job of the defense, Steven Dunnett, Cam Fitzpatrick, Sean Callahan and Matt Stokes, was to contain the puck in the Billerica zone allowing the forwards more scoring opportunities. Eric Siegel finally put Wilmington on the board when he scored an unassisted goal in the second period.

The score remained at 1-0 until Nick Riccio scored in the third period with some nice passing coming from the defensive tandem of Cam Fitzpatrick and Steven Dunnett. Anthony Botte had a relatively light night in net but made key saves when necessary.

Wilmington vs No. Andover  
The Wilmington Squirt A's came out with a well deserved tie (2-2) in Valley League play against a tough North Andover team, this despite the fact that they were short two players. Jeff Harris was at a Bruins game (rumor has it that the North Andover head coach, Jeff's Valley Elite coach, gave him the tickets) and Nick Riccio had conjunctivitis, but that didn't stop him from sitting on the bench to lend moral support to his teammates. The first period went scoreless with Anthony Botte making some great saves and Matt Stokes, Cam Fitzpatrick, Steven Dunnett and Sean Callahan making it tough for Andover to get many good scoring opportunities.

At the other end of the ice, Andrew Goossens, Casey Pickett, Dan Cushing, John O'Connell, Alan Michael Santos, and Eric Siegel kept working hard against a tough No. Andover defense. In the second period, No. Andover got on the boards first when a wrist shot went off Anthony's blocker and just trickled over the line. Wilmington tied the game a minute later when John O'Connell took a wrist shot from the right faceoff circle and Casey Pickett was in perfect position to put in the rebound.

In the third period, Wilmington scored with 6:51 left in the game with Eric Siegel and Alan Michael Santos resembled the offensive line of a football team. They were both so determined to score that they bowled over both Andover defensemen and the goalie, who had come out to get the puck. John O'Connell picked up the loose puck and deposited it into the open net giving Wilmington a 2-1 lead.

North Andover tied the game up with four minutes to go when they moved the puck from one side of the net to the other and scored a goal that would have beaten a professional goalie. Both teams had several more chances but could not score. Hats off to Anthony Botte and the No. Andover goalie, they both made some great saves.

Wilmington vs Winchester  
The Wilmington Squirt A's defeated Winchester 6-4 in Dual State play. The scoring was led by John O'Connell (2-1-3), Casey Pickett (1-2-3), Eric Siegel (2-0-2), and Jeff Harris (1-1-2). Dan Cushing and Cam Fitzpatrick had a pair of assists each, while Steven Dunnett and Andrew Goossens each chipped in with an assist. Also working hard at both ends of the ice were Alan Michael Santos, Matt Stokes and Sean Callahan. Anthony Botte had another solid game in net as Wilmington improved its Dual State record to 2-0-1.

Wilmington vs Methuen  
The Wilmington Squirt A's finished another successful week beating Methuen 7-4 in Valley League play. As usual, the offense had no problem finding the back of the opponents net with Andrew Goossens leading the way with his hat trick. Also collecting goals were John O'Connell, Jeff Harris, Eric Siegel and Casey Pickett. Assisting on the goals were Eric Siegel (two), Dan Cushing, Cam

Fitzpatrick and Casey Pickett.

Another strong defensive effort was handed in by Sean Callahan, Steven Dunnett, Matt Stokes, Cam Fitzpatrick, and An-

thony Botte. Wilmington improved its record to 4-0-1. We would also like to mention the great coaching job the staff of Kevin Pickett, John Cushing, Mike Botte and Butch Dunnett has done with this team.

## Squirt C's can't untie the knot

In sports, there always comes a time when a team can out play their opponent and still not emerge victorious. The Wilmington Squirt C's found themselves in that situation last Sunday when they met S&S at the MVF II in Valley League action. After a slow first period, the Squirt C's out-skated and out-hustled S&S but were forced to settle for a 2-2 tie.

The first period was scoreless until, with five seconds left, a S&S defenseman found his winger streaking down the right side. He fed him a perfect pass on the fly and the forward got past the defense to shoot high left side and put S&S up 1-0. Earlier in the period a S&S forward broke through with defenseman Cody Wilkins quickly getting back to hound him. The forward got off his shot but goaltender Steve Cadigan made a big save.

Although, due to penalties, Wilmington had to play short-handed twice in the period, it was during the short-handed situation that Wilmington generated some offense. After blocking a pass, Wilkins rushed down ice and shot. S&S goalie Nathan Daniels made a super stop and gave a glimpse of what as to come.

In the second period Wilmington picked it up and totally controlled the puck. The 'staydown low' style of Daniels as successful as he stopped shot after shot. Forwards Chris Robertson, Pat Enwright, Charles Barbaro, Sean Keane, Eric Parsons, Paul Duffy, Brendan Collins, Matt Larfarello and Patrick Boudreau all hustled and out skated S&S but were unable to get one past Daniels.

The defense of Wilkins, Ryan Kennedy, and Charlie Gendron played very well, alertly clearing

the puck and blocking passes. In the third period the defensive trio tried to spark the offense and it worked. Kennedy and Gendron worked together to get the puck up to Enwright. With Larfarello in front of the net, Enwright moved in close and the puck ended up in the net. Larfarello was credited with the goal and Kennedy and Gendron picked up assists.

A few minutes later, Wilkins took the puck behind his own net and carried it the length of the ice. His high, hard shot put Wilmington up 2-1. The Squirt C's continued to play well at both ends of the ice. Cadigan came up with a couple of big stick saves but Daniels matched Cadigan save for save with a quick glove.

Some bad luck struck Wilmington as two shots rang off the post and several shots went up over the net. Shooting high was a good move as Daniels covered the low ground well. Unfortunately Wilmington's shots went a little too high. The unlucky circumstances continued and one, in particular, cost Wilmington the win.

With 2:12 left in the game, S&S roared down ice. Cadigan made a great save on the initial shot but, with a crowd in front, the net came off its mark and the puck was loose in the crease. An S&S player, in the crease, swept the puck into the net. The officials ruled it a goal and S&S had tied the game at 2-2. Neither team could mount a strong enough offense in the final two minutes and the game ended up a tie.

The Squirt C's sponsored by the Winger Arena Authority, hope to get the offense going this week in Dual State games against Burlington and Everett.

## Squirt B's close and exciting games continue

The Wilmington Squirt B team rolled through a three game set away from home against both Valley and Dual State opposition with mixed results.

In Valley League play the Cats split with a win against Pentucket and a loss to Dover while tying a Lynnfield Dual State action.

In a close game against Pentucket, the Cats got two quick goals around the five minute mark when Philip D'Archangelo scored first to take the lead and have Chris Thibault follow 26 seconds later for the pad. Dan Roy, Matt Farrell and Liam Gately added their playmaking skills to assist the goal scorers.

Faced with a deficit the Pentucket team applied the pressure, resulting in both teams getting familiar with the penalty box. Making a come back with a power play goal and an even strength tally, the teams played even until Danny Roy broke to score with less than two minutes of play. That was all the Cats needed to post the W.

The Cats worked hard showing good team work as they battled the chippy Pentucket team. Playing short-handed on four occasions the defensive mix of Brendan Foley, Jesse Rossetti, Jared Hayes and Paul Bruce contributed to foil any Pentucket advances.

Next up the Wildcats faced off against a well polished Dover team in Dual State action. The Wildcats were unable to stop the Dover

transition game and got down by three in the first period with Dover adding a fourth in the second. After deciding that they had watched enough of Dover's game, the Cats came out to play a good third period with the teamwork and spirit needed to be successful in this league.

Unfortunately, great goal tending by the opposition left the cats only dreaming of a comeback as Dover held them to a lone goal in the third.

In the third game of this late fall swing, taking them to their third different rink in as many games, the Wildcats again started the game giving the opposition, Lynnfield this time, a lead to sit on. Down by four late in the second period the Wildcats decided enough was enough and mounted a comeback to make any fan proud.

Refusing to fold, the Wildcats came back on scores by Liam Gately, Danny Roy and Frankie Sorrentino.

Playmaking skills were the key with great passing and hustle to open the ice by Lewis Robertson, Chris Thibault and Matt Farrell along with Philip D'Archangelo and Matt Kinkaid at forward while the defensemen locked down to protect their zone.

The Wildcats were able to tie the game with less than two minutes remaining, consequently feeling good about the comeback and eager for more action.

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Notice is hereby given that Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, December 19, 2001, at 8:15 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Notice of Intent filed by David Slattery, 16 Brattle Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 (applicant and owner). This filing is for the demolition of an existing dwelling and the construction of a new single family dwelling within the 100 foot buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands. Property is located on Assessor's Map 54 Parcels 19 & 19A, 16 Brattle Street, Wilmington, MA. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

James Morris, Chair  
D12;2475 Conservation Commission

## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT  
MIDDLESEX, SS DIVISION  
DOCKET NO. 01P4744GI  
GUARDIAN-MENTALLY ILL  
WITHOUT SURETIES  
NOTICE

To Cynthia Barlow of Tewksbury in said county and her heirs apparent or presumptive:

A Petition has been filed in the above-captioned matter alleging that said Cynthia Barlow is a mentally ill person praying that Myra Brogger of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex - or some suitable person - be appointed guardian of the person only - with court authorization to treat with antipsychotic medication (s) in accordance with the treatment plan.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge, on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 a.m.) on February 21, 2002.

WITNESS, SHEILA E. MCGOVERN, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge Massachusetts, the thirtieth day of November in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and one.

John R. Buonomo,  
Register of Probate  
D12;2468

## LEGAL NOTICE

## TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
LEGAL NOTICE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on December 19, 2001 at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Tennessee Gas Pipeline for a Determination of Applicability.

Said Property is located on I 495 & Trull Road. Assessor's Map(S) 11 Lot(s) 20. Geotechnical Investigation.

The application may be examined in the Planning and Conservation Department during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

Lucio Barinelli  
Chairman  
D12; 2466

## LEGAL NOTICE

## TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
LEGAL NOTICE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on December 19, 2001 at 7:05 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Lakeside Mobile Court for a Notice of Intent.

Said Property is located on Oak Street. Assessor's Map(s) 17 Lot(s) 1, 2, 3.

Construction of new sewer main in public streets and replacement of existing water lines.

The application may be examined in the Planning and Conservation Department during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

Lucio Barinelli  
Chairman  
D12;2457

## LEGAL NOTICE

## TOWN OF WILMINGTON

CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, December 19, 2001, after 7:00 p.m., in compliance with provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Request for a Determination of Applicability, filed by Charles E. Grecco, 2 Colonial Drive, Wilmington, MA, 01887, owner and applicant. The applicant is proposing to construct a 14' x 36' addition within the 100 foot buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands, as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is shown on Assessor's Map 65 Parcel 5G, 2 Colonial Drive, Wilmington, MA. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

James Morris, Chair  
D12;2473 Conservation Commission

## LEGAL NOTICE

## TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

BOARD OF HEALTH  
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Health will hold a public hearing on December 20, 2001, at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall on the application of Dawn L. Carmichael, requesting a permit to Practice Massage Therapy at Balance Spa, 1310 Main St. Interested persons will be heard at this time.

Stephanie Wilkie  
D12;2471  
Chairman

## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT  
PROBATE OF WILL  
ADMINISTRATION WITH THE WILL ANNEXED  
WITHOUT SURETIES  
MIDDLESEX, SS DIVISION  
DOCKET 95P3745AA

Estate of Amanda Marie Jackson  
Late of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex

## NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased may be proved and allowed and James A. McAvoy, of Melrose, in the County of Middlesex, or some other suitable person, be appointed administrator with the will annexed of said estate.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge, on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on December 31, 2001. In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Sheila E. McGovern, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge the twenty ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand and one.

John R. Buonomo  
D12;2467 Register of Probate Court

## LEGAL NOTICE

## TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
LEGAL NOTICE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on December 19, 2001 at 7:20 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Murray Brothers, Inc. for a Notice of Intent.

Said Property is located on Fiske Street. Assessor's Map(s) 40 Lot(s) 21. Proposed 3 lot subdivision.

The application may be examined in the Planning and Conservation Department during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

Lucio Barinelli  
Chairman  
D15;2461

## LEGAL NOTICE

## TOWN OF WILMINGTON

CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, December 19, 2001, after 7:00 p.m., in compliance with provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Request for a Determination of Applicability, filed by Mark & Joanne Ferreira, 151 Federal Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, owners and applicants. The applicants are proposing to construct a 14' x 25' addition, 13' x 12 1/2' screen porch and a 12' x 10' deck within the 100 foot buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands, as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is shown on Assessor's Map 61 Parcel 7D, 151 Federal Street, Wilmington, MA. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

James Morris, Chair  
D12;2472 Conservation Commission

## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT  
(SEAL) Case No. 276213

To John A. Fisher a/k/a John Fisher, Margaret Anne Fisher a/k/a Margaret Fisher and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended:

HomeSide Lending, Inc. f/k/a BancBoston Mortgage Corporation claiming to be the holder of mortgage covering real property in Wilmington numbered 17 Main Street given by John Fisher and Margaret Fisher to Bank United of Texas FSB dated January 27, 1995 recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 7377 Page 115 and now held by Plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 14th day of January 2002, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, PETER W. KILBORN Chief Justice of said Court this 29th day of November 2001.

Charles W. Trombly,  
D12;2470 Recorder

## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT  
MIDDLESEX DIVISION  
DOCKET NO. 01P5717EP1

In the Estate of Wendy L. Barrar aka Wendy Barrar  
Late of Wilmington in the County of Middlesex; Date of Death, September 22, 2001.

## NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that Gary M. Horwitz of Billerica in the County of Middlesex be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on DECEMBER 28, 2001.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. SHEILA E. MCGOVERN, ESQUIRE First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, November 27, 2001.

John R. Buonomo  
D12;2462 Register of Probate

## LEGAL NOTICE

## TOWN OF WILMINGTON

CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, December 19, 2001, at 8:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Notice of Intent filed by Mass. Environmental Associates, Inc., 6 Wesley Street, Chelmsford, MA 01824 (applicant). Property owners are: Clarence Spinazola, 5 Manning Street, Woburn, MA 01801 and Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR, 800 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02199-8003. This filing is to continue the environmental investigation of a former landfill within the following resource areas: land under water body, bordering vegetated wetlands, riverfront area, bordering land subject to flooding and inland bank. The work will involve the construction of temporary roadways within wetland areas to facilitate access for investigative personnel and equipment and the excavation of test pits within wetland resource areas and associated buffer zones. Property is located on Assessor's Map 25 Parcels 2 & 2A, 923 Main Street (Route 38), Wilmington, MA. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

James Morris, Chair  
D12;2474 Conservation Commission

## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT  
MIDDLESEX, SS DIVISION  
DOCKET NO. 01P3790GI  
GUARDIANSHIP-  
MENTALLY ILL  
WITHOUT SURETIES  
NOTICE

To Kathleen Saunders of Tewksbury in said county and her heirs apparent or presumptive:

A Petition has been filed in the above-captioned matter alleging that said Kathleen Saunders is a mentally ill person praying that Mary Jo O'Brien of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex - or some suitable person - be appointed guardian of the person only - with court authorization to treat with antipsychotic medication (s) in accordance with the treatment plan.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge, on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 a.m.) on January 3, 2002.

WITNESS, SHEILA E. MCGOVERN, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge Massachusetts, the thirtieth day of November in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and one.

John R. Buonomo  
D12;2469 Register of Probate

## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT  
MIDDLESEX DIVISION  
DOCKET NO. 01P5745EP1

In the Estate of Audrey Lenore Serner.  
Late of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex; Date of Death August 7, 2001.

## NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be approved and allowed, and that Wayne Allan Serner of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on January 3, 2002.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. SHEILA E. MCGOVERN, ESQUIRE First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, November 30, 2001.

John R. Buonomo  
D12;2463 Register of Probate

## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
PROBATE COURT

Middlesex, ss 01E0173PP  
To Kathy H. Cho of Tewksbury, in the County of Middlesex and North American Mortgage Co. of Albion, in the State of New York and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Hamid Zohire of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex representing that he hold as joint tenant in common one undivided half part or share of certain land lying in Tewksbury in said County of Middlesex and briefly described as follows:

Property Address: 216 Maple Street, Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated on the Northernly side of Maple Street in said Tewksbury, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stake on Maple Street at the Northwest corner of the granted premises and at land of one Ernest Treadwell, thence running North 48 degrees 14' 10" East one hundred eighty (180) feet to a stake on the Westerly side of Whittemore Street, thence South 24 degrees 16' 40" West along said Whittemore Street one hundred (100) feet to a stake, thence South 62 degrees 28' 20" West through the land of the grantors a distance of three hundred eighty-three and 92/100 (383.92) feet to a stake, thence still South 47 degrees 14' 10" West one hundred eighty (180) feet to a stake on said Maple Street, thence Northwesterly on said Maple Street

one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning.

Being shown on a certain parcel entitled, "Plan of Land Belonging to J. J. and Margaret Gray, Maple Street, East Tewksbury, Mass., McCracken Brothers, C.E." which plan is recorded in Book of Plans 62, Plan 50B and recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds and being shown as Lot 1 containing j1.22 acres on a certain plan entitled, "Subdivision Plan of Land in Tewksbury, Mass." Surveyed for Ruth L. Maestri and Emmy E. LaPlaca, Scale 1"=40", June 14, 1954, Dana F. Perkins and Sons, C.E. which plan is recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book of Plan 84, Page 73.

setting forth that he desires that all the following described part - of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than \$300,000.00 dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the Twentieth day of December 2001, the return day of this citation.

Witness, Sheila E. McGovern, Esquire, First Judge of said Court; this nineteenth day of November 2001.

John R. Buonomo  
D12;2452 Register

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## LEGAL NOTICE

## TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

BOARD OF APPEALS  
999 Whipple Road  
Tewksbury, MA 01876

Public hearing will be held at the Tewksbury Town Hall on December 27, 2001 beginning at 7:40 p.m. on the following application:

## LEGAL NOTICE

7:40 P.M. George Brothers for a variance from the requirements of Section 5.3.1 and 5.3.2 of the ZBL. Also, as a party aggrieved, for review of a decision made by the Building Inspector and/or other authorities (Building Inspector) for the construction of a new residential dwelling. Premises located at Montvale Road, Assessor's Map 106, Lot 5B, zoned Residential.

7:50 P.M. George Brothers for a variance from the requirements of Section 5 Paragraph 3.3 of the ZBL. Also, as a party aggrieved for review of a decision made by the Building Inspector and/or other authorities for construction of a new residential home. Premises located at 29

Franklin Street, Assessor's Map 94, Lot 245, zoned Residential.

8:00 P.M. 495 Network Center L.L.C. c/o Berkley Investments, Inc. for a variance from the requirements of Section 5.3 Paragraph (f), Section 6.7 Paragraphs 6.7.2 and Section 6.7 Paragraph 6.7.2.1 to subdivide existing property into five (5) lots to create an office park. Premises located at 836 and 846 North Street, Assessor's Map 50 and 51, Lot 1 and 54, zoned Heavy Industrial.

8:10 P.M.

R.M.D. Incorporated, owner of record, DSM Realty, Inc. for a variance from the requirements of Section 5.3 Paragraph (F) and Section 6 Paragraph 6.7.2.1 of the ZBL. Also for a special permit under Section 4.6.G Paragraph 16 of the ZBL to construct a 275,000 SF addition to the existing office/warehouse facility, the addition consisting of 243,000 SF of warehouse, 23,000 SF of support Facilities and 9,000 SF of office, as well as, associated employee parking spaces, truck and trailer parking spaces and loading docks, all as more fully described herein and on the attached plans. Premises located at 875 East Street, Assessor's Map 101 and 102, Lot 125 and 23, zoned Heavy Industrial and Residential.

Tewksbury Board of Appeals  
D5;12;2464

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Joanna Clayton to Accubanc Mortgage Corporation, dated January 22, 1998 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 9022, Page 75, of which mortgage Residential Funding Corporation is the present holder by assignment, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on December 21, 2001, on the mortgaged premises located at 1 Summer Street, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land in said Wilmington, with the buildings thereon, being lots numbered 375 to 378, inclusive, as shown on a plan of land known as Silver Lake Manor, which plan is recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds, Plan Book 33, Plan 3, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description. Said land is located at the corner of Grove Street and Summer Street and contains 16,060 square feet, more or less according to said plan.

Excluding from the above description that parcel known as lots 379-382 inclusive as shown on said plan, originally granted on March 27, 1979 to Simon Carboneau and Anna N. Carboneau, re-recorded on March 28, 1979 in Book 2356, Page 286.

For mortgagor's title see deed

recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 7716, Page 193.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

## TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

## RESIDENTIAL FUNDING CORPORATION

Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys,  
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.  
Neil W. Heiger, Esquire  
150 California Street  
Newton, MA 02458  
D12;2446 (617) 558-0500



## Mite B's suffer tough loss to Pentucket

The Wilmington Mite B's met the Pentucket Mite A's at the Valley Forum for the first game in their new division. The Cats came out playing intense hockey in the first period. The defensive lines of Brian Good, Cori Michals, Joe Aucoin and Tom Cushing, worked to keep Pentucket out of the zone resulting in a scoreless first period.

The second period saw three goals from Pentucket but the Cats

kept the pressure on Pentucket's goalie with shots from the offensive line of Dennis Gingras, John Malone and Andy Owens.

The start of the third period saw some hard skating by the offensive line of Scott Deronde and Drew Cummings keeping Pentucket at bay. Adam Martinello's unassisted deke on Pentucket's goalie put the Cats on the score board. Pentucket came back with a goal, but the Cats

weren't done yet, a pass from Kevin Moriarty to Adam Seigel and some hard skating from Chris Ryan, brought the Cats one goal closer.

Pentucket ended the period sneaking a goal past Craig Bernard giving the Cats their first loss of the season.

Wilmington 4, Haverhill 2

The Wilmington Mite B's met Haverhill's Mite A's in the new Dual State Division. The Cats played great offensive hockey keeping Haverhill out of their zone. The defensive lines of Joe Aucoin, Brian Good, Dennis Gingras and Tom Cushing closed the doors keeping Haverhill scoreless in the first period. Kevin Moriarty gave the Cats the lead with an unassisted goal to end the first period.

The Cats opened the second period with a goal from John Malone assisted by Drew Cummings and Andy Owens. The offensive line of Scott Deronde, Cori Michals and Adam Martinello kept the play in front of the Haverhill net. With 50 seconds left in the second period, Drew Cummings scored on a pass from John Malone giving the Cats a 3-1 lead.

In the third period the Cats continued to play strong hockey. John Malone scored again with assists from Andy Owens and Drew Cummings. With less than a minute in the game Haverhill tucked in their second goal. Craig Bernard did a great job in net allowing only two goals, giving the Cats another win.

## Mite E's skating to bigger improvements

Behind a strong performance in net by Jeffrey Goossens, the Wilmington Mite E's won two big Valley League games to improve their record to 3-2. First up was the Mite team from Marblehead. The Wildcats came out flying and pressured the Marblehead defense into making mistakes which the Wilmington team took advantage of. First it was Gordon Fitch who took a great feed from Cameron Owens and broke down the right side and fired a shot past the Marblehead netminder. Just a few minutes later Linden Hayes doubled the Wildcat lead when he recovered a loose puck in front of the net and put home the rebound.

The Wildcats would not let up and by the end of the period it was a three goal lead after Chris Newton took the puck at center ice and broke in on a breakaway and bet the goalie with a wrist shot to

the corner.

The second period was much of the same with a relentless attack by the Wildcats. Paul Barbaro continued the scoring with a great individual effort when he fired a shot from the blue line and then followed up his shot and collected the rebound and deposited the puck into the net. Mike Ciampa was next when he flew down the left side and fired a shot past the netminder. Linden Hayes finished off the scoring with his second of the game. Jeffrey Goossens was unbelievable in net stopping everything Marblehead had to offer and notching the first shutout of the young season.

In the second game the Wildcats faced a tough Reading team. Wilmington fell behind by one when the Rockets were able to penetrate the Wilmington defense and blasted a shot past Goossens.

It would be the only goal he would allow.

It was a great defensive game with both teams having numerous chances to score. The lead lasted until late in the second period when Cameron Owens jumped up into the play and with some great moves went in for a shot and beat the Reading goalie to tie the game at one. Forwards from both teams applied continuous pressure on the defense and goalies.

Cameron Owens put the Wildcats on top for good when he jumped in from the blueline and knocked in a loose puck in front. Cameron Collins finished off the scoring when he took a pass from Cameron Babine and beat the goalie with a backhand from the top of the crease. Wilmington improved to 3-2 and moved into second place.

## Squirt E's remain at the top

The Wilmington Squirt E's sponsored by Darmody, Merlino & Co., moved to 4-1-1 on Saturday to remain in first place in their Valley League Division. The Squirt E's soundly defeated Marblehead 6-1 on Saturday, December 8, 2001 at the Valley Forum II. Coach Andy Good and Assistant Coaches Ed Sheridan, Chris Marten and Ed Colosimo liked what the team was able to accomplish.

The strong defense of Dean Moran, Chris Colosimo, Melissa Good and Scott Layton was a definite highlight. Ed Sheridan, once again, was exceptional in net stopping 14 shots on net.

Wilmington scored first at 6:35 by Ryan Derian. Derian picked up the pass from Cory Lee at Wilmington's blue line and skated in for the goal. Lee was given the assist. Wilmington struck again

at 3:24 with Ryan Brothers putting the puck past the goalie assisted by Justin Rivera. The score was 2-0 going into the second period when Derian scored again at 2:24 assisted by Matt Kasparian and Tim Patrie making the score 3-0.

The third period saw Wilmington scoring at 11:44 by Tim Marten, assisted by Rivera, and at 10:45 by Rivera assisted by Marten giving Wilmington a 5-0 lead. Rivera's goal was a great effort from behind the net.

Marblehead finally got on the board at 4:32 remaining. Wilmington played hard until the very end with Steven Piscatelli getting the last goal of the game with only 58 seconds left. Piscatelli was assisted by Joe Favuzza. Wilmington's dynamite offense put 16 shots on net with every offensive player getting either a goal or an assist - what a great effort!!

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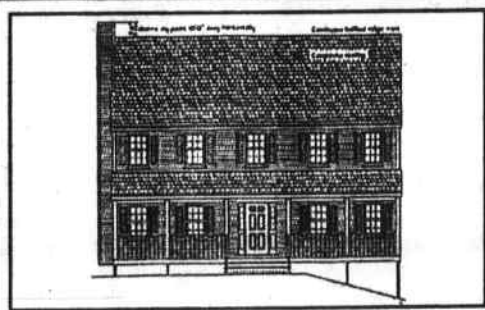
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### Tewksbury

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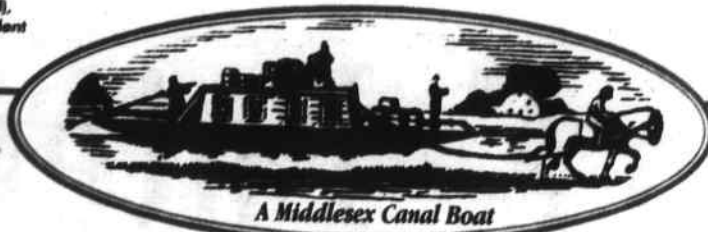
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## Helping the Bellringers

By DOUG WOOD-BOYLE



**SALVATION ARMY BELLRINGER**, Mary Gail Ranaldi, is shown here ringing the bell for others, at the Burlington Mall. (Photo, Don Young)

Mary Gail Ranaldi is using all the positive energy in her to make the number four a charm and thus, make 2001 the year she reaches a goal of \$60,000 collected at the Salvation Army kettles in her region.

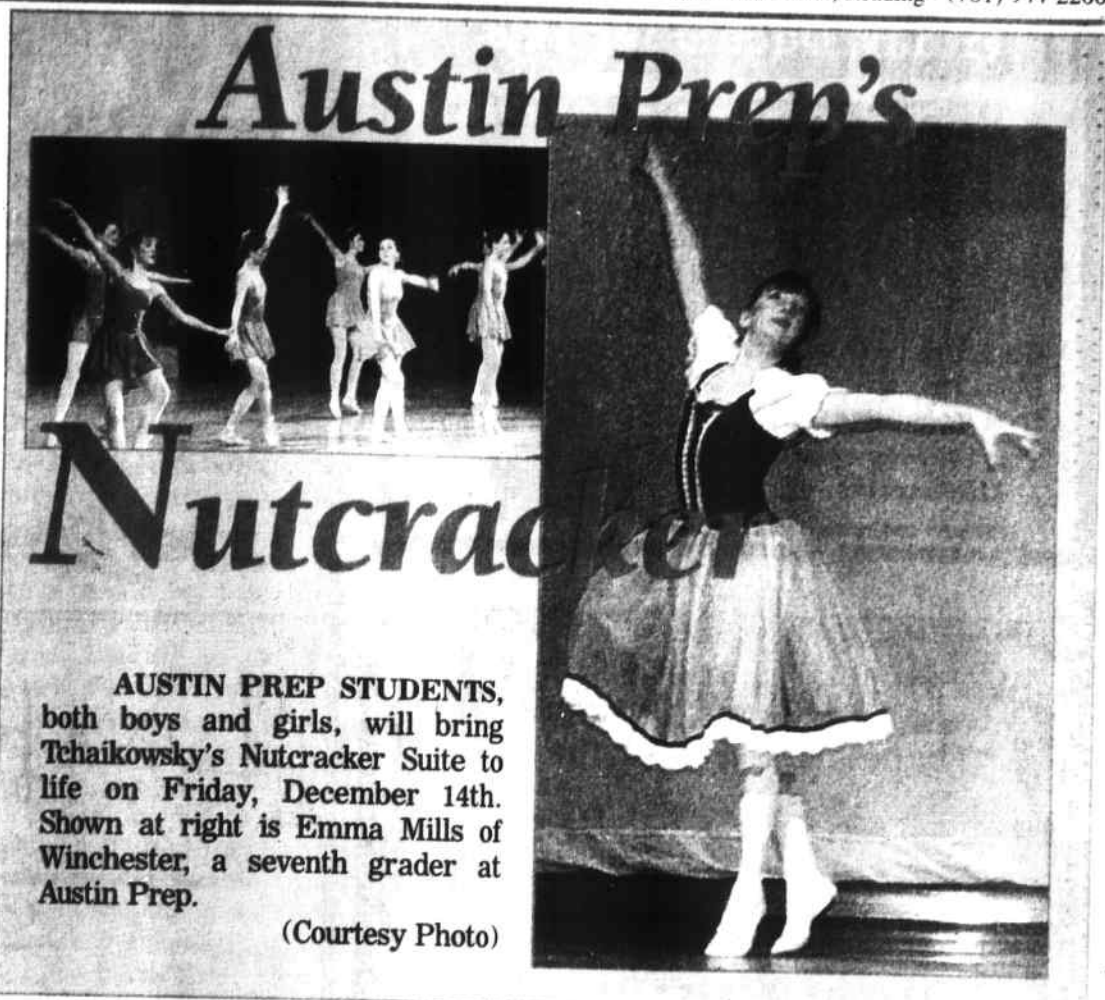
However, she needs help in the form of monetary and physical donations.

The number four comes from the fact that this is the fourth year Ranaldi has been the area coordinator for the volunteer bell ringers that tend the kettles and spread Christmas cheer to shoppers while reminding those shoppers to think of the needy people who also deserve some holiday cheer.

"The people will give," Ranaldi said. "It is a matter of having the kettles manned."

To that end Ranaldi is using the good network of people she

Bellringers to S-4



**AUSTIN PREP STUDENTS**, both boys and girls, will bring Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite to life on Friday, December 14th. Shown at right is Emma Mills of Winchester, a seventh grader at Austin Prep.

(Courtesy Photo)

BY TIM LANE

**Austin Prep Publicist**  
READING - On Friday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m., Austin Preparatory School's third annual production of "The Nutcracker" will grace the main stage of Austin's new multi-purpose building at 101 Willow Street in Reading.

Austin students, both boys and girls from grades 6-12, will

make Tchaikovsky's ballet come alive under the direction of Marla Pascucci, Austin Prep English teacher and director of the Austin Dance Company.

Everyone, from members of the Mercury Players, the school's drama company, to members of the football team, will take part in what has become one of the most enjoyable and most anticipated

events in the school calendar.

It has even become a school tradition for members of the faculty and administration to take part in the performance as well.

Over and above the fun of watching friends, classmates, and teachers dancing, the ballet is also an important cultural

Nutcracker to S-4

## Woodchips

ANTHONY MANCONI

My cousin Marie from Brooklyn, New York stayed at my house for a week's vacation. One morning she pointed and said to me, "Hey Chips, look at that beautiful BOID." "That's not a Boid it is a Bird." She looked again and said, "Gee, it sure CHOIRPS like a BOID." I know two people who can

have an argument with neither one of them saying a word.

Folks, you are probably lucky enough to have a family of HEROS on your street as I had. It was the Hill Family. Harold "Lefty" Hill, 1st Marines - Guadalcanal, Wallace "Wally" Hill, 4th

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## Woodchips

from S-1

Marine Division Iwo Jima, Ralph Hill, U.S. Army E.T.O. Bronze Star winner - then there is the wonderful Corbett family with "SIX" members in the armed forces - WWII Heros All. God Bless them. I find when ordinary people stop to help someone they are EXTRAORDINARY people.

The great Yankee baseball catcher's words of Wisdom, "You can observe a lot if you just look around." Very Profound Yogi. Uncle John Shea gave me an Italian Coffee Cup with the handle on the inside.

Folks, I find that when there is a piano to be moved there are many who VOLUNTEER to carry the STOOL. Okay, so you want to be a Radio Announcer - well let me hear you say the following: "A BOX of Bisquick - A Box of Mixed Bisquick and a Bisquick Mixer." The powerful little 5 Watter in Nashville Tenn is waiting to hear from you. Brian

McCarthy told Tennis Tully, "You are an hour LATE - what is your excuse this time?" "I fell down a flight of stairs." Brian smiled and asked, "and that took you an hour?" Dennis volunteered to go home an hour "EARLY" to make up for the LATE hour. After the first graders sang that delightful ditty "The Ole Gray Mare," The teacher asked "Does anyone know what an Ole Gray Mare is?" Little Tommy Dunn said, "I think it is the man in City Hall who runs the city. Some TV weather graphs and charts leave me more confused than ever. I loved the old time E.B. Rideout who would say "flat out" - it's going to RAIN or SNOW and the HUM-a-dit-a-ty is 50 percent.

My neighbor Mrs. Gillis called the school and told someone that her son Danny would be late for school. He slipped and fell in a mud hole and it will take a while to clean him up. "I understand Mrs. Gillis, have a nice day. Mrs. Gillis shot back "Aw Shut Up."

Woodchips to S-13

## About the Towns

### Stone soup: a bit of this and that

by Phyllis Nissan

### Riding high in Wakefield

Three Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department (WMGLD) Electric Division Lineworkers recently placed third overall in the 3rd annual Northeast Public Power Lineworkers Rodeo sponsored by the Burlington (Vermont) Electric Department (BED) and the Northeast Public Power Association (NEPPA)," notes the Wakefield edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"A total of 13 teams participated in the two day event, which was held in Burlington, Vermont.

"First Class Lineworkers Fred Swenson, Rich Fedele and Bill Gaffney represented the WMGLD in the rodeo events, and Mike Curran participated as a judge in the pole top rescue event. The WMGLD team placed first in the rope toss, and third in the load break elbow contest, which requires the splicing of a high voltage connection to an underground transformer. In addition, Bill Gaffney's 34-second Journeyman pole climb helped the overall point score.

"The team participated in all six events in the rodeo: climb (with a raw egg), transformer change out, mystery event 1, mystery event 2, and mystery event 3. According to NEPPA, each event in the rodeo is designed to promote improved job skills and safe work practices, enhanced productivity, increased teamwork and morale, strong relationships with other utilities in the region, and a better understanding of what utility workers do.

"According to the WMGLD rodeo team, each event provides real-life situations for which the team members are trained..."

pack) that some trading card companies and small sports card store owners are currently charging.

"Ron Mini, owner of Quarterback's sportscard and memorabilia store on Haven Street in Reading, has seen the way the sportscard industry has been heading in recent years, and he doesn't like it. Rather than sit back and continue to raise his prices to make a profit like others in his profession, Mini has decided to take a proactive approach to reclaiming collecting sportscards as a hobby, and give it back to the children the cards are meant for.

"I see the prices some of these companies are asking for their cards," said Mini. "Kids can't afford to buy packs of cards anymore. You go to card shows, and all you see there are adults, mostly men, looking to pay big prices for cards and items. The shows are smoky, and it's not a place you would want to take your kids."

"Mini decided to start a class for kids in his store after hours, where he would teach them the basics about card collecting - what makes a good card, what is junk and what isn't, why it's important to protect good cards, and how not to be taken by card sellers.

"The class was possible after Mini moved from his small store on Main Street to his new location on Haven Street..."

### A grave situation in Burlington

"In response to concerns about the dwindling availability of cemetery space in town, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to limit sales of plots to an as-needed basis at both the Pine Haven and Chestnut Hill cemeteries," notes the Burlington edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"This was one of the steps taken in an effort to deal with the space issue, both

short-term and over a longer period.

"Town Administrator Robert Mercier said there are plots available at the Pine Haven Cemetery for five to seven years based on the current rate of sales. He said there are about 150 lots per year sold by the town.

"Public Works Supt. Syamal Chaudhuri recommended the town proceed with development of Area D at Pine Haven, thus providing an additional 50,000 square feet of space for graves.

"We think it is time to look for other areas," stated Chaudhuri.

"This recommendation also gained unanimous approval from the selectmen.

"Chaudhuri said there is the possibility of constructing double-deep vaults in Area D. Design work for development of this section will be done within the DPW, said Chaudhuri.

"Selectman Kevin McKelvey, the board's representative to the Cemeteries Oversight Committee, has been urging limitations on the sale of graves, stating that the committee was concerned about the capacity issue.

"He said the figures he has show that the actual sale of the number of graves is more than 260 per year and that immediate action is needed.

"A third step in dealing with future cemetery space is that the oversight committee is being asked to make a recommendation to the selectmen on the issue next year for presentation at the annual Town Meeting in 2003."

## Toys for Tots at Certainly Wood

Again this year, the Toys for Tots campaign to deliver new toys to needy children is in full swing. Through the public's generosity and support for the less fortunate, happy smiles can be put on the faces of many youngsters when Christmas morning rolls around.

You will have to hurry as the deadline is this Saturday, December 15.

The local drop-off center is Certainly Wood at 39-41 Lincoln

St in Reading, across from the old railroad station.

New, non-violent, unwrapped toys can be brought to the local host retailer, and check donations can also be made.

A child that has learned to live without the little extras so many other kids enjoy, will be thrilled with that special new toy at Christmas.

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## Indoor carnival in Wakefield

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### Mini to the max in Reading

"When baseball cards first burst onto the scene, they were used as a way to promote the game, as well as the products they accompanied, such as tobacco," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"As years passed, they became a hobby for many young boys and girls, an item to collect, flip against walls in childhood games, and to trade among friends.

"In recent years, the baseball card and sports card industry has become geared more toward adults than the children who play the game, as the youngsters have been slowly priced out of the market by adult collectors who can afford to pay the high prices (sometimes \$10 a



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## Nutcracker

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experience for the students. "It's become a holiday tradition that exposes the kids to a classical ballet, for the very first time for many of them," said Pascucci.

"In addition to the traditional ballet elements of the performance, we also blend in other types of dance, things that the students enjoy, like tap and other forms of modern dance."

This year's performance also marks an important moment in the history of Austin Preparatory School.

This is the first time that the Nutcracker will be performed in Austin's new multi-purpose arts and athletics facility.

The school celebrated the building's grand opening just this spring, in a ceremony attended by dignitaries from the town of Reading as well as by members of the school community.

Prior to the building's opening, the ballet was performed each year at the Rogers Center for the Performing Arts at Merrimack College.

The building of the new venue, the multi-purpose facility, is a testimony to Austin Prep's commitment to the performing arts as an essential part of the Catholic school experience.

In the nine months since the building opened on March 31, Austin Prep has offered no less than ten different dramatic and artistic productions.

These ten include: three dance performances, two plays, a musical ("Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"), a summer the-

ater camp, two music and vocal performances, and a performance by members of Boston's Handel and Haydn Society.

This is not even to mention the various performances of Austin's Liturgical Music Group (which leads the student body in music and song at Masses and prayer services) and the several "Coffeehouse Nights" (where amateur musicians from the student body perform popular and original works for their peers) that have taken place since this spring.

As fans of the Nutcracker will remember, the ballet is composed of a variety of scenes, tied together by the magical Nutcracker, all played out in dance.

This variety allows for broad and varied artistic expression in dance, in costumes, and in scenery.

The many talents of the entire student body are called upon to make the night a success. Not only dancers, but also set designers and builders, sound and lighting technicians, and many others play key roles in the performance.

"The thing I enjoy to the most," said Pascucci, "is the night of the performance. We start rehearsing for the December performance the week after school starts in September. Every step of the way is work. Once that's all accomplished, the night of the show is so exciting - you just sit back and enjoy."

"I'm so proud of my dancers," she continued. "They keep improving all the time. Every year we are able to do more and more complex and

difficult choreography. I can't wait to see them!"

The performance on December 14 at 7:30 p.m. is open to the entire community. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

## Bellringers

From S-1

has built up over the last three seasons.

"As for her goal, 'Every year I say \$60,000 and every year I fall short,' Ranaldi said as the smile saying, 'this will be the year,' forms on her face.

The fact that financial experts have predicted charitable giving to the established institutions will be down this year because of the events of September 11, Ranaldi notes that her donation amounts are running ahead of schedule.

Aside from what she and her team of volunteers raise, the Salvation Army will also get a boost, as it has for many years, from the Middlesex East Santa.

The optimism is nothing less than anyone who knows the Reading resident would expect. Whether it is real estate or her travels as a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines, Ranaldi gives it 100 percent.

"When I do something I usually go all the way," Ranaldi said.

In the case of the bell ringers she has included her family in the mix. Ranaldi relies on her brother John Daniels to act as assistant coordinator while she is working the international flights out of New York, John F. Kennedy Airport. Between the two, they are not only coordinating this year's efforts but also planning for next year.

"The volunteers continue to come, but it is never enough," Ranaldi said. "The new volunteers take the place of people with sickness, injuries, or (in one case) pregnancy."

She added, "Next year I would like to form a committee and delegate some of the responsibility."

Those people that volunteer to be bell ringers continue on in a tradition that has its roots in

# Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

**MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA QUESTION:** What NBA player scored in double figures in 787 straight regular season games, a span of over 10 years? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

**WOBURN'S JAY BOYLE**, playing for the Merrimack College men's basketball team, has hit six of his last 11 three-point shots for the Warriors.

this country. The Salvation Army was started in England in the mid-1800's and migrated to his country. In the early 1890's Captain Joseph McFee remembered a scene from Liverpool, England where people threw money into "Sampson's Pot" to help the needy.

He borrowed this idea to help raise money for the needy in the San Francisco area of this country. The pot was placed on a tripod with a sign on it "Keep the Pot Boiling." It was set up at the Oakland Ferry Landing at the foot of San Francisco's Market Street.

The fundraiser for a local soup kitchen was a success and the idea spread among Salvation Army Chapters throughout the United States. Today it is used worldwide.

The Kettle and bell ringers have been in Boston since 1897 when Army officer William A. McIntyre joined his colleague N. J. Lewis in bringing it to the East Coast. McIntyre, his wife and sister set up the three kettles along Washington Street in Downtown Boston.

Today the Salvation Army is able to provide aid to over 4.5 million people, throughout the United States through the use of the Kettles.

When Ranaldi first took on the project three years ago, she was desperately in need of volunteers to ring bells. With her energy and exuberance she was

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**READING WOMEN'S SPORTS** will hold signups for Recreational Women's Basketball on Saturday, January 12 at the Reading Public Library from 10 am until noon. All women over 21 are welcome to participate. The fee is \$60. For more information call 781-942-2866.

**BURLINGTON'S ANN-MARIE YUTKINS**, a defender on the Merrimack College women's soccer team, was chosen to be a member of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-America First Team. Yutkins helped lead a defense that held its opponents to two goals or less in all but one game in 2001.

**THE READING BURBANK YMCA** will hold a youth basketball league, where kids can meet new friends and have a fun team experience. Pre-K students play at 9 am, kindergartners at 10 am, first graders at 11 am, second graders at noon, and second and third graders on Saturdays at 1 pm and on Wednesdays from 5-6 pm.

Need some clues to help out with the above-mentioned trivia question? He ended his career with the Los Angeles Lakers.

**READING'S MARK TRIGLIONE**, a senior at Tilton School, was recently named to the All New England Class C Football All Star Team. The Tilton School

varsity football team was undefeated in regular season play this fall, and ranked second in the New England Prep School Class D Division.

**THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE** at the Woburn Bowladrome is underway, and the league is looking for three new bowlers. Interested participants can head to the Bowladrome on Wednesdays at 7 pm. The league is 100 percent handicap and averages range from 85 to 110. For more information call 781-229-8683.

The Northeast Baseball League will begin play next year, with all games being played at the Revere High baseball field. The league will feature players age 13-16 from towns like Wakefield and Stoneham, and all players will use wooden bats rather than aluminum. For more information call Cathy Bagnera at 781-289-0847.

**THE METRO BOSTON AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION** is offering umpire clinics for new candidates on an individual basis. For more information call Ray Maccone at 781-665-9745.

**ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:** The player was Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, whose streak ended on December 4, 1987 when he was held to just seven points on three of 10 shooting from the floor in a game against the Milwaukee Bucks.

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# Calendar of Events

## TREE OF HOPE HELPS LESS FORTUNATE KIDS

The Woburn Courtyard by Marriott is asking the local community to help provide gifts for the less fortunate children this holiday season.

The Tree of Hope campaign at the Courtyard by Marriott began in 1991. The tree is set up to help give less fortunate children, a Christmas to remember during the holiday season. The tree is tagged with names and age of a child enrolled in a local daycare program. These children need us to come together and give a little this holiday so that we may all have an enjoyable Christmas.

To participate in this event, simply stop by the Courtyard in Woburn and choose an ornament from the "Tree of Hope." Purchase a gift appropriate to the child's age and return it unwrapped to the Courtyard by Tuesday, December 18. The ornament is yours to keep as a remembrance of your generosity. If you prefer to contribute a donation, we would be happy to do the shopping for you, said a spokesman for the project.

The Woburn Courtyard is located at 240 Mishawum Road, Woburn and for further information contact Sabrina Petrillo - Sales Coordinator at 781-932-3200 ext. 624.

## CONVENIENT SHOPPING BENEFITS GOOD CAUSE

Got some last minute holiday shopping to do? The East Middlesex Association for Retarded Citizens (EMARC) is selling Holiday cards, sea shell Christmas Tree ornaments, earrings, sweatshirts and more which were crafted by artists with developmental disabilities.

EMARC is also selling "Entertainment 2002" the Premier Discount Book available for a \$20 donation. It contains many two-for-one coupons for local restaurants and organizations including Boston Classical Orchestra,

the Huntington Theatre Company, JFK Library, the Museum of Fine Arts, Sheer Madness at the Charles Playhouse, F1 Boston and offers 50 percent discounts on major hotel rates, discount tickets for movies, sporting events, local ski areas and more.

All sales benefit EMARC's programs for individuals and their families. Stop by the EMARC office, 20 Gould Street, Reading to meet your holiday shopping needs and support your neighbors with disabilities. For more information call 781-942-4888.

EMARC holiday greeting cards are also available at Sense of Wonder, Atlantic Food Mart, Atlantic Framing and the Hitching Post in Reading.

## FUN CITY AMUSEMENTS IN WAKEFIELD

Fun City Amusements will be hosting an Indoor Carnival to be held at the Americal Civic Center, 467 Main Street on December 28 and 29 from 10 am to 5 pm. Admission is \$8 which includes all amusements: moonwalk, obstacle course, giant slide, boxing ring and more.

A portion of the proceeds will help benefit The Jimmy Fund.

Call 781-396-8989 for more information.

## COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY NIGHT AT NSCC

North Shore Community College is holding a Computer Technology Career Night, Thursday, December 13 from 6:30 to 8 pm at NSCC's Institute for Corporate Training and Technology, 100 Cummings Center, Beverly.

The presentation is for people of all ages who want to explore job opportunities, educational requirements, retraining and advancement strategies for rewarding first, second or future careers. Programs to be discussed include: Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer, Certified

Internet Webmaster and A+ Certification.

Salary ranges, career paths, industry trends and advancement opportunities will be discussed. NSCC faculty and staff will be on hand to offer information on the college's full range of services and programs for students of all ages.

For more information call 978-236-1200.

## POLYMNIA CHORAL SOCIETY ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT

Polymnia Choral Society will present its annual holiday concert on Saturday, December 15 at 7:30 at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church in Melrose.

There will be a concert of varied choral selections all related to the Christmas Holiday season.

Soloists will enhance the evening's musical performance, Ms. Kathryn Wright, Hildegard vonBingen, and two Polymnia members Christina Lord and Elaine Steblecki. The evening will also include several early American carols and traditional carols.

Information or tickets may be obtained by calling 781-665-4105.

## NORTH SHORE CYCLISTS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The North Shore Cyclists is an independent, recreational bike club that schedules road and mountain bike rides on the North Shore. All rides are open to the public. Membership information may be obtained by calling 978-689-2884.

On Sunday, December 16 the group will go to the Boxford State Forest. The ride will start at 10 am and to get there: from Route 114

in North Andover take Sharpners Pond Road all the way to end. Entrance and parking located here. Bald Hill has a mix of fire roads and single track trails. Good riding for all abilities.

Sunday, December 23 the group will go to Fork Rock in Exeter, NH; and on Sunday, December 30 the group will bike to Willowdale State Forest in Topsfield and also to Ipswich. Call for more information.

## SINGLES SUPPORT GROUP MEETS YEAR-ROUND

New Beginnings, an inter-faith singles support group meets every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 pm all year round at the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church, 207 Washington Street, Wellesley Hills. On December 20 the group will have a Yankee Swap Night.

"We offer support for divorced individuals, loss of a relationship through death and also for just single people to join us for issues of being single again or just for those dealing with issues of moving on, can join our seasoned singles group" said Rosalie Smolinsky, publicity.

Call 781-235-4425 or 781-235-8612 for a calendar of events or for more information.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT BAPTIST CHURCH IN LYNNFIELD

There will be a Christmas Eve service at 11 pm on December 24 to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. This will be held at the Trinity Baptist Church, 227 Summer Street in Lynnfield. All are welcome.

For more information call 781-334-5318.

## POSTAL FACILITIES COLLECT TOYS FOR TOTS

Nine postal facilities in seven Middlesex East communities are taking part in the Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" program.

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Boncore, Postal Service coordinator said. He added "Remember the toys needed are for all age groups, even teenagers, to open on Christmas morning."

Persons wishing to donate toys can bring them to the following facilities by December 18:

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Boncore, who has been affiliated with the Marine

Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program since 1979, said more than 10,000 toys were collected by Middlesex-Central postal facilities last year.

Persons wishing more information can call Boncore at 781-937-8707.

## SINGLES SQUARES WINTER DANCE

Single Squares welcomes all to their "Winter Wonderland Dance" on Friday, December 14 from 8 to 11 pm.

The dance will be held at St. Anthony's Hall, 1020 Main Street, Route 38, Woburn and the caller will be Jay Silva, the Crier Phil Gatchell.

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## Do you suffer from boredom at work?

You've made the commitment to fitness. You joined a gym or bought some home exercise equipment. Maybe you've even invested in some high-concept exercise shoes. The real test of motivation, however, lurks just around the corner - boredom. Perhaps as much as chocolate and pizza combined, boredom is the great enemy of physical fitness, particularly for people whose primary cardiovascular exercise is through stationary, treadmills and cross-trainers.

Imagination can make all the difference between boredom and motivation. Whether you go to a gym or work out at home, it's not unusual to imagine riding or walking through exotic destinations while pumping away at a stationary bike or treadmill. To celebrate the production of the 500,000th Lifecycle exercise bike, Life Fitness, the bike's manufacturer, asked 1,000 people which city in the world they'd most like to tour on a Lifecycle bike.

Among the respondents, 54 percent were humming "America the Beautiful." They looked no further than the United States for their preferred city to pedal around, with New York being the No. 1 choice.

The second favorite city was Paris, perhaps chosen by would-be daredevils who picture themselves dodging the frenetic traffic around the Arc de Triomphe.

Tied for third were London with its breathtaking history and serene parks, and San Francisco, which boasts ocean views and lung-taxing hills. Rounding out the top ten were Rome, Seattle, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Chicago, Denver and Sydney.

Envisioning yourself cycling through an interesting city while on a stationary bike is an excellent tactic to combat cardio boredom. Kerri O'Brien, owner of KAOBfit, a fitness/wellness resource company based in Phoenix, encourages multi-tasking - let your body get some cardio while you amuse your mind with diversions such as reading, watching TV, listening to music or books on tape, or catching up with a friend.

She also recommends using the time for mental as well as physical exercise. Visualize the completion of a challenging task, think of creative solutions to problems or brainstorm about business ventures, home improvements, vacation and holiday plans, or dietary

# Health & Medicine

## For children play is more than just fun

For children, playing can amount to more than just fun and games. Child development experts say that playtime and recess can help teach children important social skills, teamwork and the value of physical fitness.

Despite its documented importance, however, as many as 40 percent of U.S. schools have either cut traditional elementary school recess from the school day or are considering doing so - a trend Dr. Rhonda Clements, president of the American Association For The

changes to complement your exercise regimen.

"It's a great opportunity to really use your brain muscle while all of that blood is pumping," says O'Brien.

One newer diversion is surfing the Internet. Some health clubs are beginning to add Internet connections, together with television and radio, to their cardiovascular equipment. You might raise your heart rate as much through finding great deals on the Web as through a cardio workout.

A different tactic for combating boredom is really focus on your body as you exercise rather than going on automatic pilot. Dale Huff, R.D., C.S.C.S., co-owner of NutriFormance, a personal training and nutrition company in St. Louis, recommends monitoring your heart rate while doing cardio.

"A heart rate monitor will keep you more interested in your body's exercise response and will encourage you to work a little harder," he notes. He also recommends mixing up your exercise routine, using different machines, tapes and



Experts say school recess has a number of academic and social benefits.

Child's Right to Play, says is no laughing matter.

Clements says many of the schools that are cutting recess do not realize that 'child-initiated and unstructured play has educational value.'

Clements's organization, in cooperation with Nabisco Fun Fruits, sponsored a study to measure child and parental responses to the elimination of recess and to examine the difference between how children play today versus previous generations.

The study showed 94 percent Play to S-13

classes and taking advantage of good weather for outdoor exercise.

Equally as important as regular cardio exercise is active recovery from it to prevent burnout. Huff adds, "You should plan to take an active recovery day or two each week as well as a recovery week or two each year. During that time off from your fixed cardiovascular program, enjoy other recreational activities," such as group sports, strength training, hiking, or simply strolling and enjoying the scenery.

Whatever tactic you choose, battling boredom in workouts is the best road to fitness - regardless of what imaginary city that road through.

## Advice to parents of ADHD children

For the nearly three million school-age children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), going to school each day can be very difficult. Children with ADHD generally difficulty coping with a traditional classroom setting - typically, they may be excessively restless, inattentive, easily distracted, impulsive and may even require special classroom accommodations.

To help parents prepare their children with ADHD to adapt more easily to the formal classroom environment and perform their best, Donna Palumbo, Ph.D., a nationally renowned expert on ADHD director of the Strong Neurology ADHD Clinic at the University of Rochester Medical Center offers the following advice:

•Partner with your child's teacher(s). Try to arrange a meeting with the teacher early in the school year to explain your child's strengths, difficulties, what motivates your child and what methods worked best in the past. Make an effort to communicate frequently with teachers throughout the school year regarding your child's progress.

•Advocate for your child's needs. If you choose, you can develop an Individual Education Plan, a standardized form that specifies special services and/or accommodations that teachers will provide for your child. The plan may

include simplified instructions, frequent breaks, tailored homework assignments and untimed testing.

• If your child is on ADHD medication, notify his or her teacher. Teachers should understand the actions, benefits and side effects of your child's ADHD medication. In addition, teachers should also be informed as to what dosing regimen has been or will be adjusted.

•To eliminate the need for your child to leave class for a midday medication dose, which may be disruptive and embarrassing, ask your doctor about new once-daily medications for ADHD such as Metadate CD (methylphenidate HCl, USP) Extended-Release Capsules, 20 mg (CII). Unlike some older treatments, a single dose of Metadate CD taken in the morning, controls ADHD symptoms during the school day.

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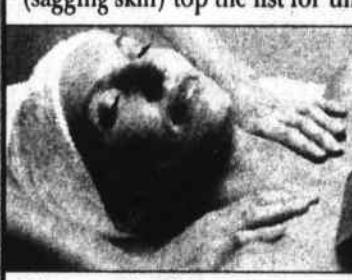
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## School Notes

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### Amid Summer nice music, Lynnfield

"Kindergarten students have learned that three familiar songs use the same music, even though the words are different. One is 'Baa Baa Black Sheep,' one is 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' - ask your kindergarten student what the third song is!" notes the "Summer Street School News."

"First graders are getting wonderful control over their singing voices, singing 'The Vowel Song,' 'The Counting Song,' 'America,' and other songs in tune. Ask your first grader how we sit to make singing more comfortable. Students are taking more control of the class, volunteering to lead games like 'Everybody Do This' and 'Aunt Dinah' - perhaps your first grader could teach you how to play those games."

"Second graders have finished learning the 50 states song, and are playing the game that goes with it. They are venturing into new territory with rhythm, improving their own, and games like 'Mama Lama, Kuma Lama' and 'Ali Baba.'"

"Third graders are making the great shift from just singing music to producing it with an instrument. Before we play any phrase of a song, they try to figure it out by ear, with a team of other kids. Most of the time, they get it without my help! By now, just about everyone is in the habit of using their tape, so they're ready to answer 'Mystery Messages' and sing songs in class."

"Fourth graders are playing the 'Ode to Joy' from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony! One of the many reasons we learn this piece is to remind ourselves that some music has sections that

are more difficult than the rest of the piece. In this case, it's the third phrase that will need work - the first and second are easy for students (there is a fourth phrase, too, but that's not a problem - ask your fourth grader why they don't really have to 'learn' the fourth phrase!). Understanding that this problem is Beethoven's fault and not the student's is important."

### Summer surfaces, Winchester

"The need for tenth graders to pass the MCAS exams in order to graduate gave birth to an original and very successful tutoring tool last summer," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"With the help of a state grant, three teachers spent two weeks preparing a camp that would help develop MCAS skills in those students at high risk of not passing the exams."

"A high school English teacher, a reading specialist and a special education instructor prepared the material that became a three-week summer MCAS tutorial pilot program. The three of them were present at the recent School Committee meeting to report on their success and receive Superintendent Dr. Carol Eaton's praise."

"At the end of last year, 44 students exiting grades 8 and 9 were identified by their teachers as potential candidates for failure on the MCAS tests. A letter was sent to their parents advising them of this program. Ten parents responded and their children became the core of the camp, which ran Monday through Thursday, during three weeks in August from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m."

beautiful voice of a Jeannette McDonald and the tender loving care of an Irene Dunne of "I Remember Mama" fame. She shared her love equally with those of us who excelled scholastically or were gifted musically. She comforted me many times knowing that I wasn't one of those."

I think God for the Gift of writing poetry and Woodchips and I thank a beautiful Irish lady from Winchester who encouraged me to keep on writing. Thanks Claire

"Stay away from the dancing halls, the people there are no-good at all. That's where I met your father Bridget darling." That was a popular song years ago meant to be funny, but of course wasn't true. The finest people I know are "now" or "were" Ballroom Dancers and those who read "Woodchips."

"Many parents did not answer because they already had camp plans for their children but said they would have participated had they known before, according to Beverley Cronan, creator of the program."

"The idea of an academic camp came to Cronan for two reasons, she explained. First, she knew that a camp would attract students because of the summer connection. The second reason was the relationship with sports, which are a big part of camps."

"In sports, it doesn't matter how good or professional you get, there is still an appreciation for the basic skills," Cronan said. Just as sport skills need to be constantly refined even by professionals, so do the critical thinking skills needed for academic success."

"The other analogy was that in sports it is necessary to sit back and reflect on what the improvements have been, allowing the building of confidence when there has been progress. In the same manner, the academic camp developed confidence through self-reflection because students can progress from what they know to what they need to know in a thoughtful manner."

"The skills needed for success in academic areas and in the MCAS tests were identified as mainly reading and writing skills. Varied and creative materials were used to interest the students. Traditional exercises such as the identification of main ideas, supporting thoughts and conclusion in the analysis of texts were combined with scavenger hunt and other adapted games."

"Eaton said the camp was a success and should be presented to the state level as a model for future programs trying to help students at

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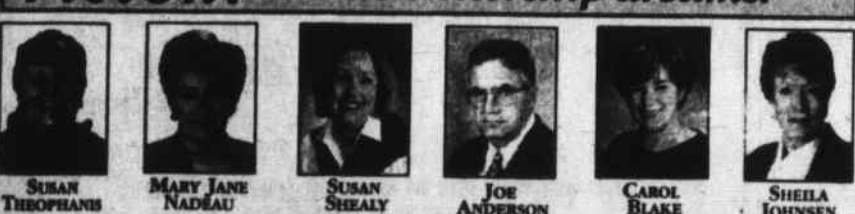
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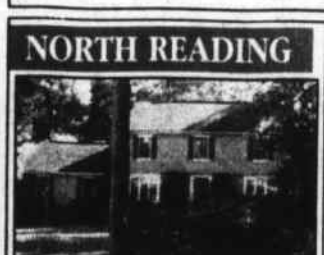
1st AD 6 Rm, 2 BR Townhouse in popular complex. Newly finished Fam. rm, 1 1/2 LL, new windows throughout, ultra private location features deck overlooking woodlands. Open floor plans, spacious BRs, 1 c. gar. \$259,900



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## Transfers from S-9

**96 VERNON ST** purchased by Keith Sullivan, Tr for Keith James RT from Steven and Linda Doherty for \$170,000.

### -WAKEFIELD-

Median Price: \$300,000.

**2 AVON CT** purchased by Immacula Denis from Joseph McLennan for \$360,000.

**24 BEEBE LN** purchased by David and Karen Leonard from Stephen and Susanne Phillips for \$340,000.

**141 BROADWAY** purchased by Larry Faulkner and Kerry Gould from Helen Kennedy for \$208,000.

**52 BUTLER AVE** purchased by David and Susan Roberts from Craig and Melissa Dowley for \$369,900.

**17 COOPER ST** purchased by Michele and Jason Ruff from Kathleen and Briana Carney for \$315,000.

**10-12 CRESCENT HL** purchased by Stephen Gonyeau and Debra Looose from Shirley Richards, Ex for Huard Grace C Est for \$317,000.

**5 DRURY LN** purchased by Salvatore and Carolyn Palermo from Francis and Weeda Sue O'Connell for \$340,000.

**7 FOREST ST** purchased by Timothy and Laura Busick from Kevin Sullivan for \$265,000.

**16 HART ST** purchased by Richard and Ann Tobin from David and Susan Roberts for \$257,500.

**142 LOWELL ST L:1** purchased by Lakeview Plaza LLC from John Cullen for \$1,025,000.

**147 MONTROSE AVE** purchased by Joan Tierney from Paul and Elaine Pettie for \$299,900.

**22 MORRISON RD** purchased by Brian and Kathleen Carney from Richard and Diane Stevenson for \$479,000.

**128 OAK ST** purchased by John and Kelly Cafarelli from Leonard Picardi for \$255,000.

**14 OLD COLONY DR 59** purchased by Marc and Carolyn Cataldo for \$459,900.

**28 SUMMER ST** purchased by Jeffrey and Shari Wells from Richard Wells, Tr for Wells RT for \$240,000.

**13 THISTLEDALE RD** purchased by Daniel and Andrea Reese from Martha Holden-Dulong for \$285,000.

**22 WHITE AVE** purchased by Vincent and Jessica Fiorino from John and Elayne Fallica for \$425,000.

### -WILMINGTON-

Median Price: \$270,000.

**6 CEDAR ST** purchased by Donna Legro from Christopher and Mary Lou Ferraro for \$212,500.

**5 FOX RUN DR** purchased by Paul and Dorothy Sullivan from James and Eileen Hodges for \$365,000.

**102 GLEN RD** purchased by Ann Chirichello from Sharron Merola for \$162,900.

**801 POULIOT PL** purchased by Gail Simard from Katherine O'Kelly for \$257,900.

**27 SENECA LN** purchased by Shu Ling Chang and Shian Chin Chen from Northeast Dev Corp for \$409,900.

### -WINCHESTER-

Median Price: \$557,000.

**18 BROOKSIDE AVE** purchased by Cheryl Bliss from Stephen and Kerry Curran for \$408,000.

**7 CONANT RD U:58** purchased by Renu Vaish from Christopher and Rebecca Krecting for \$300,000.

**28-30 EAST ST U:28** purchased by Spinya Ngamed from John Holloran, Tr for JFH RT for \$275,000.

**31 ENGLEWOOD RD** purchased by Kristin and Richard Horne from John and Joi Loewy for \$475,000.

**31-33 LAWRENCE ST U:31B** purchased by Mor Philosoph and Tal Regev from Esther Stepanian, Tr for Halo RT for \$350,000.

**4 MAGNOLIA ST** purchased by Scott Davis and Anne Marie Hill from Melanson Dev Grp Inc for \$900,000.

### -WOBURN-

Median Price: \$266,000.

**1 ALBERT DR U:1-3** purchased by Thieu Le from Lucille and Robert Gallagher for \$169,900.

**74 BEACH ST U:5-7** purchased by Romito Papagno from Eric Manuel for \$128,000.

**1 BRYANT ST L:A** purchased by Exchange Authority, Tr for Melaragni Exchange T from David Ryder, Tr for Ryder Rity Co for \$1,000,000.

**28 CHARLES ST** purchased by Anderson Chaboudt from Rosario Guzzo, Tr for Guzzo FT for \$319,900.

**20 DALE ST** purchased by Robert and Beatrice Bloodworth from Joseph Herter and Kimberly Adams for \$339,700.

**3 DANIEL DR U:3** purchased by Michael Milligan from Sharon Riley for \$279,900.

**23 FAIRWAY DR** purchased by GCG RT and George Gately from George and Patricia Gately for \$10,000.

**15 HAWTHORNE ST** purchased by George and Grace Saraceno from William Burns and Elizabeth Burchushman for \$275,000.

**57 JEFFERSON AVE** purchased by Lyn and Joseph Quiles from Maxine Bell for \$224,000.

**27-29 KILBY ST** purchased by John Simas and Thomas Blackenbecker from Patrick and Melissa Demasi for \$332,000.

**555 MAIN ST U:7** purchased by Amy Reynolds from Hammond Sq LLC for \$299,900.

**150 MONTROSE AVE** purchased by Salvatore Patrizio from Rita Gibson and Caterina Carella for \$330,000.

**35 PROSPECT ST U:201** purchased by Douglas Butler from William Brady for \$114,000.

**305 SALEM ST U:208** purchased by Patricia Marsh from John and Cheryl Minghella for \$220,704.

**6 SHERMAN PLACE CT** purchased by Christopher Carlson and Amy Brosnan from Andrew and Lisa Raichle for \$262,000.

**50 WARREN AVE** purchased by David and Olga Forbes from Frances Norton for \$334,000.

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# Ground rules state code highlights for household wiring

When it comes to upgrading or repairing household wiring and electrical systems, homeowners usually call a licensed professional to do the work. But whether you own your home or rent an apartment, bringing the wiring in your residence up to the current National Electrical Code could enhance your safety - every time you flip a switch or plug into an outlet.

The NEC sets the minimum electrical standards for essentially all cities, states and municipalities throughout the United States. In all likelihood, your local electrical codes are based on rules set down in the NEC, which is reviewed, revised and updated every three years. Here are some code highlights that should concern you most.

•Most homeowners are aware that the electrical system must be grounded into the main incoming water pipe - right? But how many know that that alone is no longer sufficient, according to the NEC? Because increasing use of plastic water pipe and non-conducting fittings has made the effectiveness of grounding to plumbing systems questionable, the method does not meet current safety standards. Although water lines still must be used in most circumstances, the Code now states that the home may also require one or more "supplemental grounding electrodes" buried in the house foundation or in the earth outside the home. One or more copper-clad grounding rods several feet in length are often

recommended. Local code enforcement may also be added to existing homes when new electrical work is done, or if you sell your home.

•To increase safety in areas of the home where it counts the most, the NEC requires that

ground-fault circuit interrupters, or GFCI's, be installed in specific locations. Outlets in so called "wet" locations such as kitchens, baths and crawl spaces, as well as in damp areas like unfinished basements, garages and outdoors,

now require GFCI (identifiable by their "Test" and "Reset" buttons), or by GFCI circuit breakers wired into the house service panel.

•The latest innovation beyond GFCI's are arc-fault circuit interrupters, and begin-

ning in January 2002, these protective wiring devices will be Code-required in circuits serving bedrooms. Arc faults occur when thin electrical wires crimp and fray, which is typically caused by crushing, bending and repeated impact. Why

bedrooms? Surveys show that bedrooms are most likely to have exposed lamp cords and electrical devices connected with extension cords - the type of wiring most vulnerable to damage, which in turn leads to arc faults.



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## Trends in new home building

Homeowners are giving new meaning to the old saying, there's no place like home.

Today, more and more homeowners are customizing their homes to showcase their interests, streamline their lives or create a haven, a place to escape and relax. Instead of preparing their homes for resale, homeowners are being more adventurous with color selection and design.

This is evident in the expanding palette of color s now available in building materials, particularly in counter-tops and surface materials.

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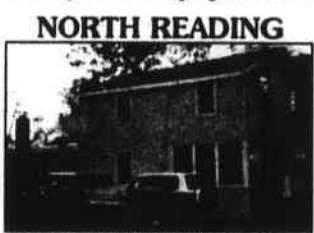
**COMMERCIAL BUILDING ZONED B** located in Reading's downtown area. This unique property also includes a single family home parcel along with ample parking. Formerly Dunn's Bike Shop of Reading. Lots of potential here for future business opportunities. \$789,900



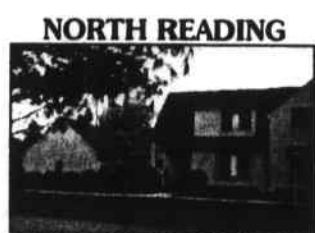
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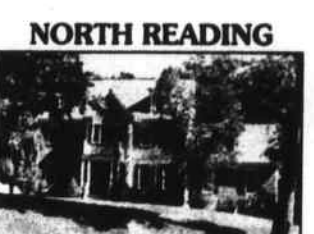
**CHARMING 2-3 BEDROOM RANCH.** 2 full baths, hardwood floors & level lot. Great location for a starter home. \$289,900



**GRAND 10+ RM ENGLISH COLONIAL LOADED W/ CHARM!** This 7 bedrm, 2.5 bath home has it all. Enjoy summers by the in-ground pool on over 1/2 acre private lot & snowy nights by the multiple fireplaces. Call for all the fine details. \$729,000



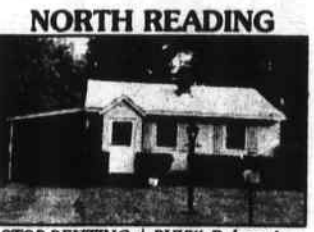
**YOU'LL FALL IN LOVE WITH THIS MINT 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath Ranch** boasting new gleaming hardwood flrs, new carpet, freshly painted thru-out, 2 fireplaces, family rm, 1 car attached garage & beautiful oversized level lot all located in great neighborhood! Hurry!! \$289,900



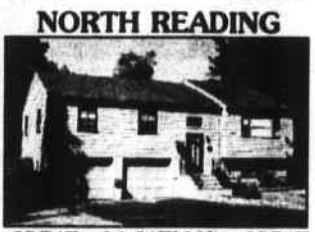
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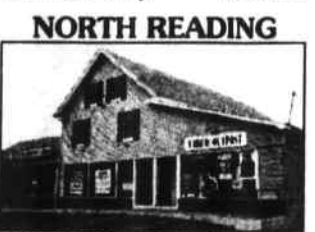
**PRICE REDUCED FOR ACTION!!** Refinished inside & out, this 4 bedrm, 3.5 bath Victorian with fireplace living room, 2 car garage & near transportation is a must see. \$569,900



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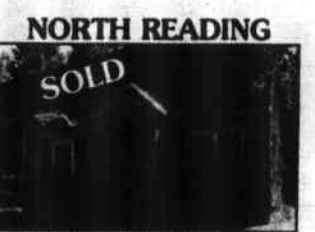
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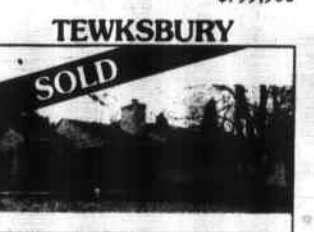
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# Interesting contemporary style

The Emmett is a small contemporary house with interesting exterior lines, as varied as they are harmonious.

Three gables, stepping up in size from the covered porch, face the street. A gentle arch accenting the front porch adds curves, as does an outlined, circular vent under the highest gable. Multipaned windows create grid lines echoed in the sidelight, transom and garage doors, while tall, square porch support columns frame the porch.

Inside, the foyer leads into an expansive gathering space, open to a spacious, well equipped kitchen. The boundary between dining and living

areas is marked by ornamental columns, which could be joined by an arch if desired.

A gas fireplace nestles into the rear corner of the roomy tray-ceilinged living room. It offers warmth, color and a focal point for conviviality when days grow dreary and nights are long. Sliders open onto a particularly covered patio.

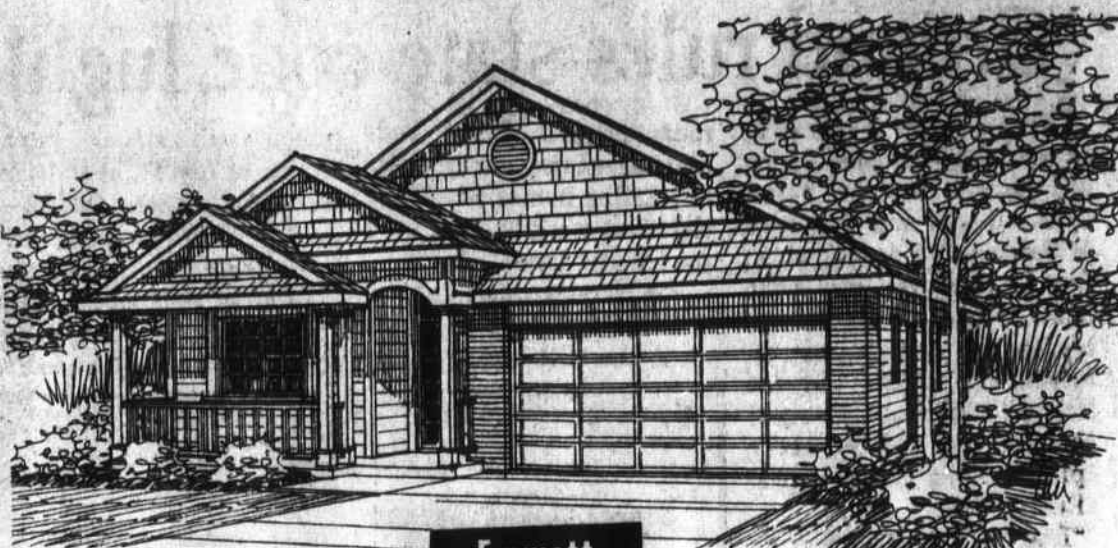
Standing at the kitchen sink, you can watch the changing seasons and/or keep an eye on children playing out front. And if you enjoy indoor plants, they'll flourish in the bright, window bay. Counters, plus a handy eating bar, wrap around four sides. Cupboard space is

also generous, boosted by a large step-in pantry. Sink, stove and refrigerator are laid out in a convenient, step-saving triangle.

Bedrooms and utilities cluster together on the right. Master suite amenities include a large walk-in closet, and a bathroom with double vanity. Water closet and shower can be closed off steam containment and added privacy.

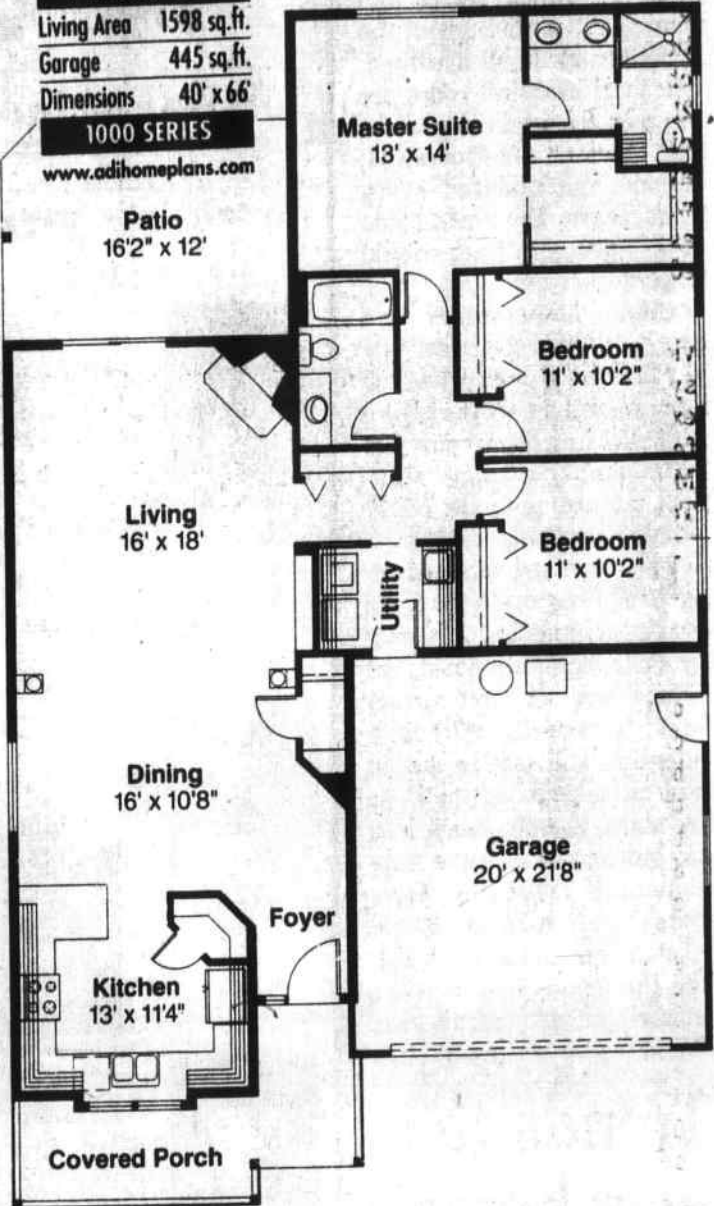
The utility room connects to the Emmett's two car garage, and comes outfitted with a folding counter, deep sink and roomy storage cabinets.

For a review plan including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception,



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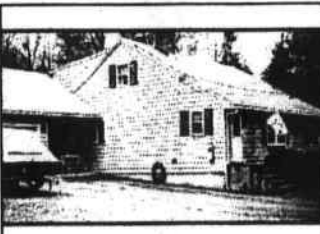
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**NORTH READING**  
NEW LISTING! 9 room Cape Cod with many amenities including a 3 season Florida Room, 2 full baths and 2 car garage. Quiet street close to schools. \$379,900



**NORTH READING**  
NEW LISTING! Great way to start! 5 room ranch, 2 bedrooms, big kitchen, deck & nice yard. \$184,900



**NORTH READING**  
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**WAKEFIELD**  
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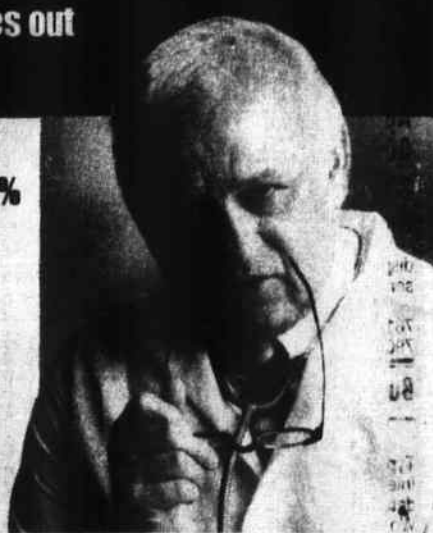
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A lack of sleep can cause marital strife, poor job performance, and more. California Department of Health statistics show that people who get less than the recommended amount of sleep have a 70% higher death rate.\*

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\*\* National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1995.



## Notes From S-7

high risk of not passing the MCAS. She also suggested it could be implemented during the academic year course-work to help students with difficulties in general...."

## All the year, Tewksbury

"A comprehensive special education program is in place in the Tewksbury Public Schools," notes the "Tewksbury Town Crier."

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## Play

From S-6

of parents and 89 percent of children do not want recess banned and more than half of the parents asked if they believe recess provides children with much needed exercise and practical training.

Parents in favor of recess said it gives children time to play and socialize with other children, offers necessary physical activity and provides children with much needed break from school work. When asked, over 90 percent of children said recess is where they develop necessary social skills, including how to treat people 24 percent, how to share (18 percent) and how to get along with others (10 percent).

When disagreements occur on the playground, 43 percent of children asked said they were likely to try and talk out the problem with the other student. 37 percent said they would most likely tell a teacher or supervisor.

The survey further revealed that parents spent an average three and a half more hours each week engaged in unstructured play than their children and more than half of parents believe their childhood was more fun because it was less structured and scheduled (56 percent). In addition, 71 percent of parents are concerned that the technology available to children doesn't let them fully develop creative skills.

Favorite recess activities for parents were slightly different from their children's. Parents preferred jump rope (40 percent), kick ball (32 percent) and tag (25 percent). Today's children said they prefer tag (36 percent), soccer (21 percent) and kickball (20 percent).

To help promote the importance of play, Nabisco Fun Fruits offers a booklet with highlights of the survey, information on the importance of recess and "official" game rules and diagrams for a number of popular recess games.

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Funds will be distributed locally in the M.E. communities, which include Wilmington, Tewksbury, North Reading, Lynnfield, Reading, Stoneham, Burlington, Woburn, Wakefield, Winchester.

A list of contributors will be published in Middlesex East throughout December.

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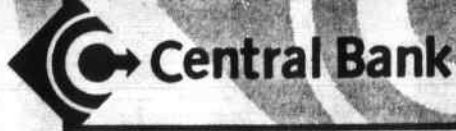
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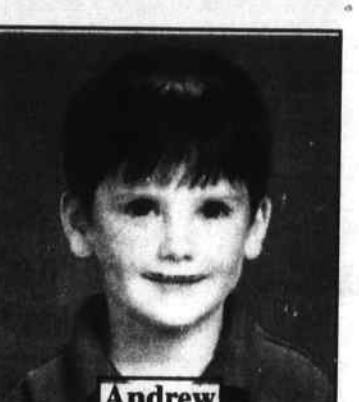
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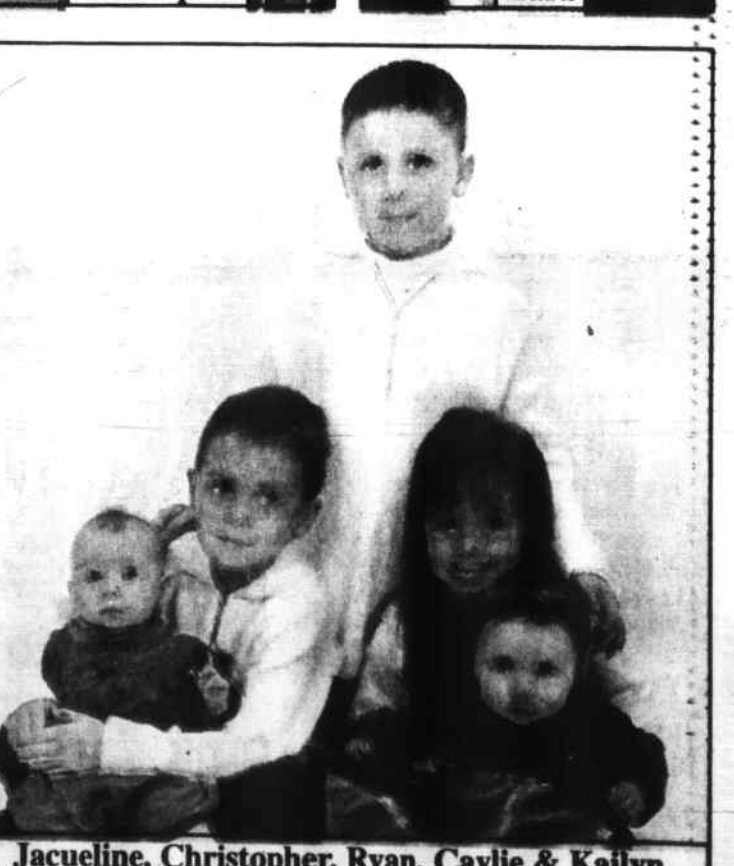
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**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS** The Tewksbury Wilmington Elks donated \$1000 to each of the food pantries in Tewksbury and Wilmington. The food pantries have been the designated charities for the past several years of the Elks Lodge. Most of the money was raised at their Bingo games. Seated in front are Leo Geddy and Sandy Geddy of the Tewksbury Food Pantry with Bob DiPalma of the Wilmington Food Pantry.

Members of the Elks Lodge 2070 standing in the rear are (l to r) Stu Richardson, Exalted Ruler Jerry Rudolph, Arthur Griswold, Roger Metcalf and Lou Connolly. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

## Tewksbury Schools undergoing Coordinated Program Review

**TEWKSBURY** - Superintendent Christine L. McGrath of the Tewksbury Public Schools has been informed by the Commissioner of Education of an upcoming Department of Education Coordinated Program Review visit. The Department's on site visit will occur during the week of January 14, 2002. Such visits are routinely conducted by the Department to satisfy federal and state education requirements to review periodically specific education programs and services in local school districts throughout the Commonwealth. The Department is conducting the review of several programs during a single visit in order to be more efficient in the time spent on this mandated activity by both Department and school system staff, and to make strong connections with the programs under Education Reform.

Superintendent McGrath indicated that the Department's Coordinated Program Review process will address the program areas of Civil Rights Methods of Administration (MOA), Special Education, and Title I and include a review of school district program procedures, a study of individual student records, and an on site visit by a Department of Education Team. The Department Team will conduct interviews of district administrators, teachers and parents, conduct observations of instructional sites and prepare a report

for the Superintendent and School Committee.

An Executive Summary and detailed report of findings for each program area will describe the implementation status of each program requirement reviewed by the Department of Education. The findings will note those program standards the implementation of which the team found to be commendable or substantially implemented. Where program standards are found not to be fully implemented, the local district must propose to the Department of Education corrective actions to bring those areas into compliance with the respective statutes or regulations. Districts are encouraged to incorporate the corrective action activities into their district and school improvement plans, including the district professional development plan. The school district may request technical assistance from the Department of Education in responding to this report. Both the Department's report and the school district's response to the Department of Education are public information and will be available to the public upon request.

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gram Review procedures provide that any member of the public may request to be interviewed by telephone by a member of the Department's visiting team. Persons wishing to be interviewed should call the Superintendent's Office at 978-601-7801 no later than January 7, 2002, to leave their name and phone number, or they may call the Department of Education at 781-338-3747. A member of the visiting team will then contact each person desiring an interview within two weeks after the completion of the onsite portion of the review. If an individual does not write or speak English, is not comfortable communicating in English, or requires some other accommodation, the Department will make arrangements to communicate appropriately with the individual.

Superintendent McGrath indicated that she is confident that the Department's Program Review process will be a useful and positive experience for all staff in the district, and that the report will be a useful planning document for continued development of educational services for all students.

## RMLD Calendars Available

**READING** - The 2002 Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) historical calendars are now available and can be obtained at the RMLD business office, 230 Ash Street, Reading, as well as at several locations in the four town area. This year's calendar features a pictorial history of the towns of Reading, North Reading, Lynnfield and Wilmington.

Calendars are limited and will be distributed on a first come, first

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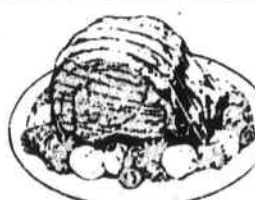
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## From the Editor's Desk

By Shawn P. Sullivan

Is it going to be a White Christmas or a Wet Christmas?

Either way, it might take more than snowbanks and slippery slopes before people agree that it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas or Hanukkah. If there is one sentiment that has been on the far-from-frostbitten lips of ordinary, everyday folks this occasionally balmy holiday season, it's that they seem to be having a hard time getting into the holiday spirit.

Maybe it has to do with the record warm temperatures that have kept Jack Frost at a distance these last few weeks. Perhaps it has to do with the sluggish economy, which has weakened some wallets and parsed a few pocketbooks. Most likely, though, it has to do with the fact that we are a nation at war this holiday season.

If you've been in the holiday spirit these last few weeks, then we hope that you have been effective in sharing it with those around you. If, however, due to the loss of a loved one or a job, you have not been in such a spirit, then we at the Town Crier wish you one thing. We wish for you that one moment, after all of the shopping and cooking and card-sending and chasing around are finished, when it is quiet and peaceful and you can see clearly the hope of the coming year and the blessings that surround you.

## Letters to the Editor

### What the Christmas Spirit means to her

Dear Editor:  
The Christmas spirit is not about getting presents in your stockings or under the tree, it is about giving love and friendship to one another. I think it means being together and sharing, being generous and caring, being respectful to each other. Christmas is not only a time for getting presents but giving presents to make someone smile, and it makes you feel good inside, you feel like you've changed the way people think about the Christmas spirit when you do something nice for them. I think the Christmas

holiday is about sharing our feelings with one another and celebrating our day of happiness. Some people don't see that in Christmas but I think they should because it's always more fun to be kind and generous to a person than to not care about them at all. That's what Christmas spirit means to me and I think being helpful to another person is very important.

Stefany Barcellos  
Age 9  
Wilmington

### Thanks to those who made new playground a reality

Dear Editor:  
On December 8, 2001, the Tewksbury Heath Brook School community came together to build a playground for our Kindergarten and Special Needs students. We had an incredible turnout of over 25 parents and teachers. Thanks to everyone who volunteered, there will be many happy faces at the Heath Brook School on Monday.

We appreciate all the volunteers who gave many hours of hard labor to make this dream a reality. There are some people we would like to thank personally for their contributions. Thank you to Rob Cofer, of Cofer Associates in North Reading, for his generous donation of the cement. Thank you to Dunkin

Donuts for keeping us warm with their donation of hot coffee, and to Kosta's Korner, Main Street Pizza, and Mahoney's for their generous discounts. Thank you to Steve Dibble, of Dr. Play, for his expertise in building playgrounds. Finally, a special thank you to Diane Dunlevy for all her hard work. She organized the purchase of the equipment, the food donations, and all our wonderful volunteers.

Thank you again to all who helped make the Heath Brook School an even better place to send our children

Maura Rauseo  
The Heath Brook PAC  
Tewksbury

### The real meaning of Christmas

Dear Editor:  
The Christmas spirit isn't about the presents to me it is about celebrating Gods sons' birth. The Christmas spirit is about being with your family also.

The Christmas spirit is about giving too. I think all of this because Christmas is Gods sons birthday. Who would want to celebrate

a holiday alone. By giving a present to someone it really makes that person happy but in return you get something that money can't buy. Love.

Travis Reynolds  
Age 9  
Wilmington

### Superintendent McGrath proud of Tewksbury students

Dear Editor:  
Each December I find myself in awe of the families in the Tewksbury Public School Community.

In September, our school children conducted numerous fundraisers to support those individuals who were affected by the tragic events of September 11, 2001. These efforts were repeated at Thanksgiving when students at each school conducted food drives.

Our students, staff, parents and guardians are now reaching out during this holiday season to support those who are less fortunate. I am proud to share some of these initiatives with you.

At Tewksbury memorial High School, the school community is collecting 112 gifts to meet the requests of the residents at Alternative House in Lowell. This House serves as a home for women and children who are the victims of abuse.

Both the John W. Wynn Middle School and the John F. Ryan Elementary School are conducting food drives to benefit the

Tewksbury Food Pantry. At the Loella F. Dewing School, there is a giving tree with ornaments hanging from in that requests gifts for children in the area. This charity drive will benefit families served by the Department of Social Services.

The North Street School is conducting a drive to benefit the residents at the Pine Street Inn.

The Heath Brook and the Louise Davy Trahan Schools also have giving trees, in which their gifts will be given to needy families in the communities of those schools. The Heath Brook School is also conducting a coat drive for needy children.

I would like to applaud the members of our school community for helping to make this holiday season a little brighter for those who are less fortunate. Our sincere best wishes to you and your family for a happy holiday and a prosperous New Year.

Dr. Christine L. McGrath  
Superintendent of Schools  
Tewksbury



## Letters to the Editor

### Prayer got her through three-month anniversary of September 11

Dear Editor:  
A prayer for December 11, 2001...

As I stood at ground zero at quarter of nine this morning, I could not believe that it had been 3 months to the moment that the World Trade Centers were attacked. I recalled the horror in my heart when my roommate woke me with the news. And how numb I felt as the two of us stood motionless on the roof of our building watching the raging cloud of smoke consume the New York skyline.

But like many others, I could only stand still for so long. People were hurt. People were trapped. Innocent people were dead. There was no time to stand still. Thousands of service workers and civilians responded immediately. It didn't matter what you did for a living, what you looked like, where you were from. We were all there

to help. The hours and days blurred with the smoke, but the goal remained clear. It was the first time in my life that I truly understood the meaning of 'survival'. I didn't care what clothes I had on, I didn't care what movies were playing, I didn't care where my career was going. I didn't even care what day it was.

All my priorities had shifted. I cared whether the EMS workers had water. I cared that the boxes of gas masks got on the next boat to ground zero. I cared that a 10 year old girl had enough tape to hang a picture of her missing brother on the wall. I cared that a firefighter named John who had been working in the rubble for over 24 hours had a ride back to the Red Cross to sleep. I cared that I called my mother everyday to let her know I was okay and that I loved her.

Three months have passed now and I, along with many others, have returned to my so-called 'normal' routine. And as I placed some flowers on the memorial wall today, I felt so sad. It's not fair that thousands of innocent people are dead and that millions of innocent people are left grieving and suffering. It's not fair that there are families and friends who will have incomplete holidays without their loved ones. It's not fair that children go to sleep at night confused and sad because their daddy or mommy isn't there to tuck them in.

I felt just as numb as I did 3 months ago standing on my roof. Except this time, I wasn't able to go get water for the EMS workers, or find a ride home for the firefighter, or load up the boat with supplies. All I could do was

pray. Pray for how lucky I am that I am alive and healthy. Pray for those people who ran down staircases to their safety. Pray that the families and friends of victims will celebrate the fond memories of the ones they lost. Pray that we can be kinder to one another, no matter what race, religion or creed. And pray that we live each day to its fullest for we do not know what will happen tomorrow.

Please join me in a prayer for the victims of September 11th. God bless.

Love,  
Alison Curtin  
New York City, NY  
Wilmington High School  
Graduate  
Class of 1991

### Your help is needed in the fight against leukemia

Dear Editor:  
I have been very fortunate with my health, my life and career and would like to give something back. I have joined the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's team in training program. I will be participating in the 2002 Boston Marathon on April 15, 2002. I will be raising funds for leukemia and lymphoma research. I have committed to the goal of raising \$2,000.

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ness of recently-developed treatment methods and steady advances in research bring us closer every day to finding the cause of leukemia and related cancers and probable cures.

Seventy-five percent of all Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's funds go directly to research and patient services, and your contribution is tax deductible. Contributing money is a powerful way to be involved when you can't give your time. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society web address

is <http://www.teamintraining.org>. Please help support me in this project by contributing generously to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Your contribution will fund the research being done to find the cure to this disease and other blood-related cancers.

Sincerely,  
Jason Earley  
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### Many thanks from the Youth Hockey Booster Club

Dear Editor:  
The Wilmington Youth Hockey Booster Club would like to thank the following families, patrons and businesses for their generous donation toward our recent fundraiser. Without their support, our success could not have been possible. Also, a special 'thank you' to all those behind the scenes that helped pull it all together.

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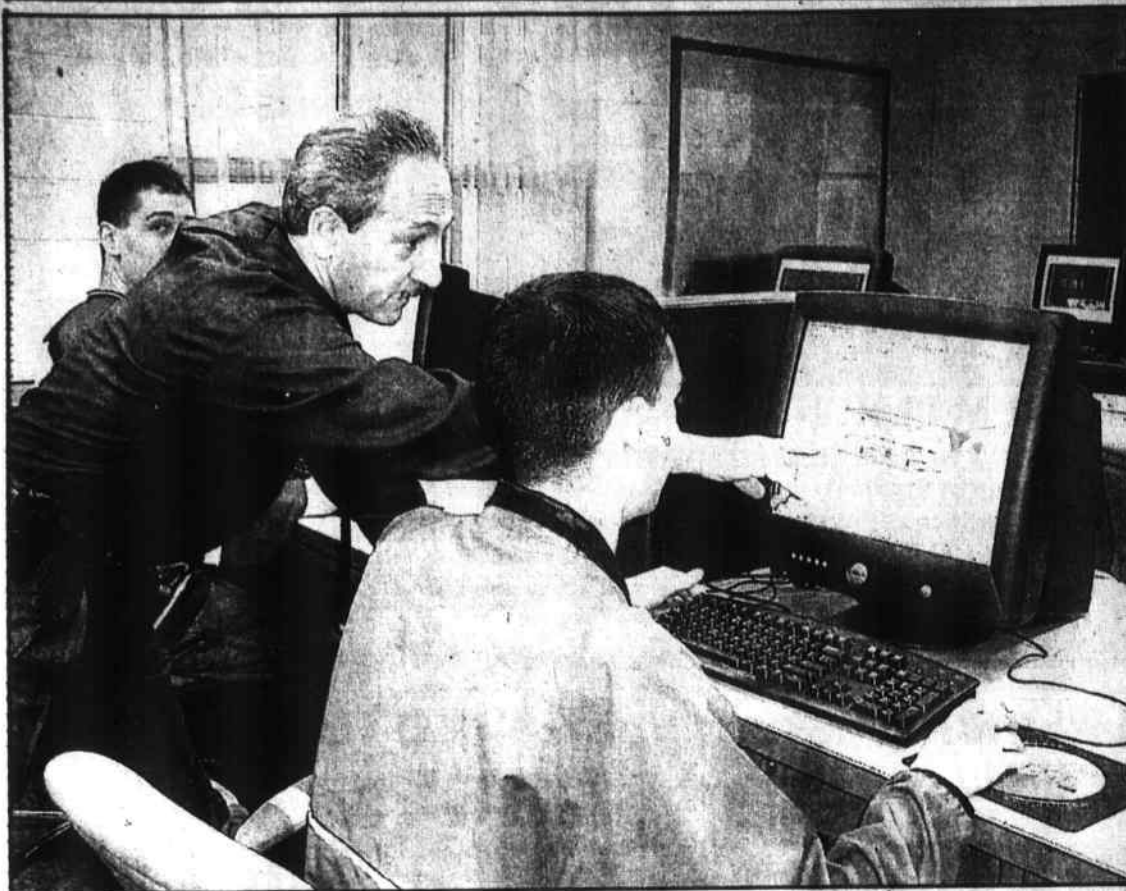
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## Shawsheen Valley Technical High school teacher secures \$1 million software grant from PTC

**BILLERICA** — A Shawsheen Valley Technical High School teacher has secured a \$1 million software grant from PTC\*, the product development company that provides resources to teach design and technology to middle and high school students.

The Shawsheen Valley Regional school district includes Billerica, Burlington, Bedford, Wilmington and Tewksbury.

The grant has already helped high school students achieve dramatic improvement in the rigorous Stanford Diagnostic math test, an assessment tool that administrators believe is an indicator of how the students will score in the

MCAS mathematics examination.

The grant — which currently has a value of approximately \$1 million — is part of Needham, Mass.-based PTC's Partnership for Innovative Learning, an initiative that helps educators prepare today's students to be the innovators of tomorrow. Reading resident Andrew Botticelli, a computer-aided design teacher at Shawsheen, arranged for his school to receive the grant which includes a license for 300 seats of PTC's Pro/DESKTOP design software, teacher training, classroom materials and Web-based resources.

PTC's donation was triggered by Botticelli's attendance at a training session last spring. In the summer, Botticelli began introducing Pro/DESKTOP to students participating in a special MCAS-related program, and in September the school introduced Pro/DESKTOP in mathematics and computer-aided design classes. The software, originally developed to help companies design new products, allows students to create three-dimensional models and designs on classroom computers.

The Partnership for Innovative Learning is part of a national design and technology movement that introduces students to design and technology as an academic subject as early as middle school. This encourages critical-thinking and problem-solving skills that will help them adapt to new technology throughout their careers.

Students develop confidence in their ability to use technology, and this may result in decisions to pursue product development or engineering as a career. PTC's partner in championing this approach is The College of New Jersey's Department of Technological Studies, which coordinates the Partnership's curriculum development and training nationally.

"We have already had phenomenal results with this software," said Botticelli. "It's a tremendous motivator because it's very, very visual. It helped spark the kids' interest and with my kids, that's 90 percent of the battle."

Last summer, Botticelli said, Shawsheen Valley Technical High School introduced a special "Project Outreach" program for 70 eighth and ninth grade students administrators considered at risk of failing the 10th grade MCAS mathematics examination. The program helped them grasp 32 math concepts by showing how they applied in design, carpentry, plumbing, culinary skills and other aspects of "real life." The students used Pro/DESKTOP during a computer-aided design module. On their computer screens, they found the volume and surface area of geometrical

shapes such as cylinders and prisms and then rendered and rotated them using Pro/DESKTOP. They also created designs of their own. Pro/DESKTOP allowed Botticelli to demonstrate 30 of the 32 math concepts — more than any of the other modules.

John McDermott, assistant superintendent of the Shawsheen Valley Regional Schools, said, "We gave the students the Stanford Diagnostic math computation test before and after the summer program. 88.8 percent showed overall improvement, and more than 15 percent went up four grade levels. If they do well on the Stanford test, we believe they will also do well on the MCAS later this year."

McDermott added, "We knew we hit a home run with the kids when they were willing to stay on-task even during their break time."

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PTC's Partnership for Innovative Learning is a company-sponsored initiative that helps educators prepare today's students and companies to be the innovators of tomorrow. In middle and high schools, the Partnership advocated and supports the teaching of technology to prepare students to think multi-dimensionally and collaboratively throughout their lives. In colleges and universities, the Partnership provides software, resources and training that empower students and companies to achieve the highest levels of success in product development careers. Further information is available at <http://www.ptc.com>.

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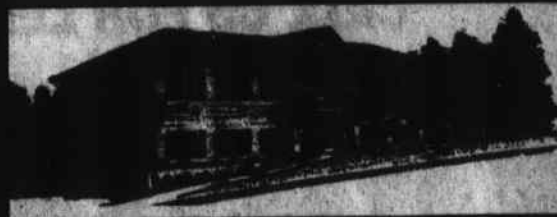
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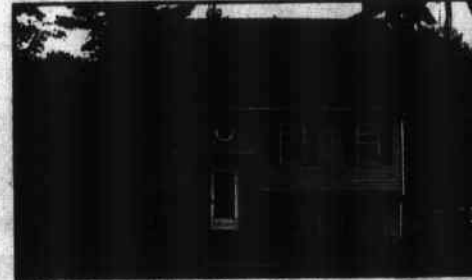
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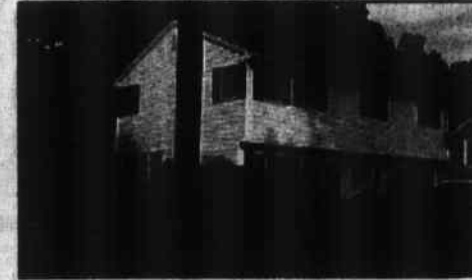
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